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•To The Point•

•**Jennifred Nellis**, professor of studio art, is a recipient of this year's Horace T. Morse-Minnesota Alumni Association Award. As part of the award, Nellis' discipline will be given \$2,500 for three years for her use. As a measure of her commitment to her students and to UMM, she will use the money to purchase a computer lab for studio art and art history, safety equipment for the sculpture studio, and toward replacement of worn tools.

•Professor of Art **John Stuart Ingle** was chosen by General Mills to create the new portrait of Betty Crocker on the occasion of Betty's 75th birthday. Ingle based his painting on the faces of 75 real women, six of them from Minnesota, who were chosen on the basis of essays. The watercolor portrait was unveiled in March at a ceremony in New York.

•**Thomas Turner**, associate professor of Spanish, is one of four recipients of the University of Minnesota Continuing Education and Extension Distinguished Teaching Award 1995. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding teaching and commitment to Continuing Education student growth and development and sustained excellence in CEE instructional endeavors.

•**Chuck Brown**, DFL-Appleton, announced his retirement from the Minnesota Legislature. Brown, who has served for 12 years as the Representative from District 13A, has been a faithful supporter of UMM and a strong ally in the lobbying effort for UMM's recent legislative funding. Chancellor David Johnson, on behalf of the UMM community, presented Brown with a plaque of appreciation at the Bonding Bill Celebration held April 23.

•**John W. Dayton** ('68) is one of three new members elected to the University of Minnesota Foundation Board of Trustees. The board oversees the University's private fund-raising efforts. Dayton, who lives in Dallas, Texas, is president of Routh Street Investments.

•**U.S. West** has been given approval of the new Minnesota area code -- 320 -- to be used for the current 612 area that is west of the Twin Cities metro (including Morris). Mandatory dialing of the new code will begin on September 15, 1996.

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Thanks to Efforts of Many Bonding Bill Buoy UMM's Building Hopes

Judy Riley, University Relations

Due to the efforts of many, the joint House-Senate bonding committee gave the nod to a half-billion dollar bonding bill before adjourning for the 1996 legislative session. While the bill as a whole supports building projects statewide, Governor Arnie Carlson's signature gave the state stamp of approval to a nearly year-long effort by members of the UMM community, parents of UMM students, alumni, area legislators and friends to obtain funding for the Morris Science Project and HFA renewal.

"This news is a good tonic for us!" said Chancellor David Johnson. "The decision of the University of Minnesota to recommend a five million dollar investment in the Morris Campus and the subsequent decision of the Legislature to fund that full amount reflects the confidence the state has

in UMM."

Approximately 2.7 million in state dollars has been allocated for planning and design development of a new science building, heating plant expansion, a pedestrian connection to the Student Center, Physical Education Annex replacement, and auxiliary support space. The firm of Rafferty, Rafferty Tollefson Architects, St. Paul, will be working on the design and development of this project. Planning will be complete by 1998.

The bill also targets \$2.3 million for renewal funding for the Humanities Fine Arts Center, the outcome of a building study that was done by Rafferty, Rafferty and Tollefson. The study identified some major mechanical and functional problems with the building's ability to control the interior

temperature and humidity levels. The major repair will deal with infrastructure and building control systems to ensure that the building will serve the campus for the next 20 years. The construction will take place during the summer of 1997.

The need for upgraded science facilities and HFA renewal is one that is vital to UMM. A unique, nationally-recognized public liberal arts college, UMM attracts top quality students, most of whom come from families of modest economic backgrounds. Our students are arguably among the best in the state, a high proportion of whom pursue programs in the sciences. UMM ranks in the 98th percentile among all

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UMM Selects Minnesota Artist for "Percent for Art" Student Center Project

Minnesota native Michael F. Pilla has been chosen from 80 applicants to craft a work of art that will enhance the Student Center building as part of the "Percent for Art in Public Places" Project. An instructor at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Pilla works

with stained glass. His previous commissioned works include Moorhead State University and the University of Notre Dame.

The "Percent for Art in Public Places" Project earmarks one percent of the construction funds for each new University of Minnesota building for the creation of a new site-specific work of art. Each applicant was required to send résumé, statement of previous work

and work in progress, and a selection of slides showing these works. Preference was given to artists with a UMM connection or those artists with a Minnesota base. The project began this winter and is expected to be completed by summer 1996.

John Parker Takes Helm of Cougar Football



John Parker

Missouri native John Parker has been named head coach of the Cougar football program. Originally from St. Louis, Parker coached at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and most recently, at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City.

Parker and his coaching staff will have the task of improving a Cougar program which was 0-10 after a rough 1995 football season.

"John has a great understanding of what it takes to recruit and be successful here at Morris," said Mark Fohl, UMM director of athletics. "We are looking forward to the upcoming season and what it will bring for the Cougar football program."

Jean Johnson, Wife of UMM Chancellor, Dies

Jean Johnson, 63, wife of UMM Chancellor David Johnson, died May 10 in Morris of cancer.

Johnson was born September 10, 1932, in St. Paul to Ronald W. and Maria Sageng Lunnis. She was a graduate of Minneapolis Central High School, 1950; Gustavus Adolphus College, 1954; and St. Cloud State University, 1980. On September 10, 1955, she was married to David C. Johnson. Following their marriage they lived in Iowa City and Decorah, Iowa; Oslo, Norway; Stroudsburg, Pa.; St. Cloud; St. Peter, and, since 1990, in Morris. A former English teacher, secretary and community volunteer, she later entered her favorite work, serving in the reference departments of the public libraries in St. Cloud and Mankato. Her interest in Norway and her mother's ethnic heritage matured during the period she lived with her husband and children in Oslo. Later she, Dave, and their good friends Beth and the late Dennis Jones of Decorah organized and led groups of Americans on mountain hiking trips in Scandinavia.

During her years in Morris, she was a volunteer at the public library and

Stevens County Historical Society, and served on the board of Prairie Community Services.

She is survived by her husband, David, and three children: Stephen of Vermillion, S.D., Andrew of Minneapolis, and Jennifer of Bloomington; by her aunts, Borghild Berger and Mathilda Sageng of Fergus Falls, Evangeline Burton of St. Paul and Olga Jacobsen of Minneapolis, her brother-in-law and wife, Kent and Birgit Johnson of Bloomington, nephew and niece Eric and Kristina Johnson of Bloomington and Eden Prairie, several cousins, and many friends.

Services were held at Assumption Catholic Church, Morris on May 14. Interment at Lutheran Cemetery, Decorah, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the libraries of University of Minnesota, Morris, Luther College, or Gustavus Adolphus College.



Jean Johnson

Racial Climate on Campus

An Open Letter from Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Gary McGrath

The following is a letter that was sent to UMM faculty, staff and students on April 8, 1996:

The following is an attempt to inform the campus community about student concerns regarding the racial climate at UMM and current efforts to address the issue. The students are frustrated by racial slurs made directly and anonymously by other students and by what is perceived as a lack of institutional response. The students feel the racial harassment statement is a pleasant-sounding document without effective means to take action against those who commit racial harassment. They are upset that the Student Conduct Code does not specifically identify racial harassment as one of the sixteen "disciplinary offenses" actionable by the University. The students are bothered the Student Behavior Committee doesn't respond more promptly to complaints and that its disciplinary actions are confidential. The demise of Inquiry and the lack of any common course for freshmen that fosters discussion among students concerns them. The students perceive few courses in the curriculum that acknowledge their ethnic heritage. They believe racial incidents occur in the residence halls without consequent action. The students recommend more effective ways be found to explain the American Indian heritage of this campus and the tuition waiver for American Indian students.

I believe we can act on the above concerns this quarter with the cooperation and support of faculty, staff and students. The Student Behavior Committee will be asked to review the student concerns and propose ways they can more effectively respond to student complaints. A better way needs to be found to educate the campus community about how and why the Student Behavior Committee functions. While respecting the confidentiality of the proceedings and the disciplinary action taken by the Student Behavior Committee, there might be a way to periodically provide a

summary of the Committee's activity. We need to be mindful of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) which severely restricts what information can be released about students.

I understand the criticisms directed at the slow, deliberate and confidential way the Student Behavior Committee responds to student complaints. Keep in mind the following from the Student Conduct Code:

These procedures are concerned with assisting students in understanding and accepting the consequences of their behavior in relation to themselves and to others. The procedures are designed to guarantee the rights of the accused and to protect the welfare of all members of the University community. The regents affirm the right of students to equitable and prompt action on alleged violations of the conduct code. In this regard, it is expected that most complaints can be heard and settled informally.

The disciplinary procedure is built upon a firm commitment to the protection of the right of students to a fair and impartial hearing; penalties commensurate with the severity of the offense, and the right to an explicit means of appeal.

I am confident we can respond to the concerns about the Student Behavior Committee and the Student Conduct Code.

An alternative and quicker way to address some incidents of harassment that involve race or sexual orientation would be to form a select group of staff, faculty and student volunteers who would serve as a Quick Response Team. Indiana University, for example, has established a similar group as one way to address racism and

homophobia. After a student reports an incident to the Racial Harassment Advocate (Sarah Bell, Counseling) the Quick Response Team would be presented as one option for the student to consider. Two members of the Quick Response Team would meet with the students involved to resolve the situation. The goal would be to create better understanding among the students involved. I believe this kind of approach has a great deal of promise and will ask the Student Services Committee for their reaction and endorsement. Joel Eisinger, Chair of the Student Services Committee and Sarah Bell, Racial Harassment Advocate, have drafted a form to report incidents of harassment. We need to know the nature of these incidents, when and where they happen. Where this form will be available, other than the Counseling Office, needs to be determined. I expect this form will be available yet this quarter.

Sandy Olson Loy, director of student activities, and I discussed last fall what kinds of programs could be put in place next year during new student orientation and fall quarter to help new students understand what is expected of them as citizens of the UMM community and the importance of respecting people different from themselves. This was particularly urgent given the potential moratorium on Inquiry. Sandy has written a proposal that addresses these concerns. We would contract for three years with the Anti-Defamation League's A World of Difference Institute program, "A Campus of Difference." Some of you may remember we had representatives from this group in May 1994 at a staff development program on campus. Their programs are specifically targeted at college campuses and facilitated by an ethnically diverse team of two highly trained presenters. We would contract with them to enhance our cultural awareness/diversity program for all new students during Fall New Student Orientation; provide comprehensive training for RAs, OGLs, TAs, student organization leaders, and student staff

members from across the campus; and create a peer educators group of interested students and faculty/staff collaborators to go into residence halls during the middle of fall quarter and serve as a resource and intervention team for groups dealing with diversity issues through the year, building on the past success of our "diversity players." Having a three year contract with the World of Difference Institute, would give us the opportunity to evaluate and refine the program over the three years. We are now working on finding funds to support this proposal. In addition to the World of Difference program, we would have other programs throughout the year. Anyone who would like more information can contact Sandy Olson-Loy.

We have a draft of a statement explaining the American Indian tradition at UMM and the tuition waiver for American Indian Students. The draft will be circulated to the student leaders of the Circle of Nations Indian Association and other interested students, faculty and staff on campus. The statement will then be distributed around the campus.

Dave Aronson, director of residence life, and his staff will offer training sessions for the present residence hall staff this spring to review how to proceed with harassment incidents. After the staff is selected for next year, there will be a session before the end of this quarter to begin discussing the topic with the new staff.

The above may be more detail than you wanted. However, I think it is important to identify specific actions and timelines to address this critical issue. No one program, policy or procedure is going to end acts of intolerance on this campus. However, through a combination of efforts and the commitment of students, faculty and staff we can create a campus climate where all students feel safe and respected. Please support us in this effort.

Honors Recital Marks 10th Anniversary

Jason G. Lina ('97) Pengilly, Minnesota

This year's Honors Recital, given at 1 p.m. preceding the Commencement ceremony on Friday, June 7, marked the recital's 10th anniversary. All former recital participants were invited to attend. According to Honors Recital Facilitator and Assistant Professor of Music Janet Ahern, over one-fourth of past recital participants were expected to return for the performance.

According to Ahern, the Honors Recital began in 1987 as, "a way to highlight the success of UMM performers and to give parents a chance to hear their children perform. Most UMM performances are held during the weekday at a time when few

parents will have a chance to attend."

Honors Recital performers are selected on the basis of a taped audition of no longer than 10 minutes and must have presented the piece they wish to perform at UMM at some time during the academic year. Performers are selected by three anonymous judges, two of whom are UMM music faculty. In the past 10 years there have been 49 individual performers, some of whom have been selected for the Honors Recital more than once.

This year's program was given by Dana Bender, Shoreview, flute, *La Flute de Pan, Op. 15* by J. Mouquet, accompanied at

the piano by Miranda Swanson, Pipestone; Amy Powers, Greenbriar, Wis., bassoon, *Solo de Concert, Op. 35* by Gabriel Pierre, accompanied at the piano by Susan Schleder, Sebeka; Pat Dorn, Glenwood, soprano, *The Black Swan* by Gian Carlo Menotti, piano accompaniment by Schleder. Dorn will also perform *Prelude and Fugue in E minor* by J.S. Bach on organ;

Laura Herberg, Graceville, piano, *Nocturne in Bb Major* by M. Szymanowska; Shauna Voss, Rockford, horn, *En Foret* by Eugene Bozza, piano accompaniment by Schleder; and Carrie Janikowski, soprano, New Hope, *O luce di quest anima* by Gaetano Donizetti, piano accompaniment by Schleder. Past Honors Recital performers were introduced during the intermission.

Regents Get Input From Communities on Next U President

Approximately 150 campus and community members were on hand recently when three of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents visited UMM seeking

input on the desired leadership characteristics of the University president. Regents Julie Bleyhl, Madison, Jessica Phillips, Virginia, and Patricia Spence, Rice, held an open forum for those wishing to provide ideas to assist in the presidential search. Participants were invited to comment on the following questions:

1. What are the major challenges facing the University of Minnesota in the next 20 years? What are the major issues which the new president will face most immediately after assuming office?
2. What kind of person will be best prepared to address these challenges and issues, and to provide leadership to the University?
3. What is there about this University that should attract the interest of outstanding candidates? What are the University's greatest strengths?
4. What professional experiences and personal attributes would the best president candidates be able to demonstrate?

Among the comments, Associate Professor of English James Gremmels proposed the nomination of former chancellor and Professor of History Jack Imholte to the president search committee.



ALUM INTRODUCES PANEL Carlos Gallego ('85) provides welcoming comments preceding a panel discussion during World Touch Cultural Heritage Week. (photo by David Morrison '97, Deer River)

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Girls and Girlhood -- A Perilous Path The photo in the upper righthand corner of page one is that of Brenna Vick, daughter of UMM alumna Dorothy Vick ('85). Mother and daughter sang at the opening ceremony of the traveling UNICEF exhibit, shown in March at UMM. (photo by Judy Riley, University Relations)

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higher education institutions in the percentage of bachelor's degrees awarded in science and mathematics.

A high caliber faculty and staff need facilities capable of supporting their teaching and learning activities and of continuing to attract highly able students. Such students, in turn, help to draw those high caliber faculty and staff to UMM. The current science facilities are increasingly inadequate for the teaching of modern undergraduate science.

"UMM's requests to get planning money for a new science facility and to renovate its Humanities Fine Arts Center have walked a long road," continued Chancellor Johnson.

While UMM has received considerable public recognition for

excellence, the physical facilities for offering a basic undergraduate science and mathematics curriculum have not kept pace with its institutional growth and reputation. The programs in the Division of Science and Mathematics at UMM have grown substantially since the existing building was built in the mid-1960s. The vision for this proposed phase of the science facility is an historical one dating back to 1967, and follows a logical progression toward the completion of the science facility that was begun nearly 30 years ago.

"With support from alumni, parents of our present students, students, staff and, of course, our area legislators — Chuck Brown (DFL-Appleton) and Charlie Berg (DFL-Chokio) — we made it all the way," concluded Chancellor Johnson.

"ResNet" Nets Residence Hall Dwellers High-Tech Connections

Judy Riley, University Relations

In yet another step toward improving the technology available to students, UMM began connecting students' computers to a new residence hall "state-of-the-art" network at the end of the fall quarter.

Network services available include free access to software on the network file servers, including Word and Excel for Mac users, WordPerfect and Quattro Pro for PC users, graphics packages, communications software, database management, statistical programs, and many other instructional software applications.

In addition, connected residents have full Internet access, including direct connections to the UMM Vax and Unix computers, Summon, Gopher, e-mail, the University of Minnesota Student Access System, and the entire range of Internet services. Users of Web browsing software are able to search the World-Wide Web at speeds of 10 megabits per second.

Free printing is also available, with at least one network printer installed in most residence halls.

All of these services are available by direct connection, without a modem, so there is never a busy signal — the system can accommodate hundreds of simultaneous users.

Wiring for the 10 residence hall buildings, along with phone and video cabling, was installed over the summer by Connectivity Systems, Inc. of Brooklyn Park. One network connection is available per resident in each room (double rooms have two connections, apartments have four, etc.). Connections at printer sites, resident adviser offices, study lounges and others total over

1,100 available on the new network.

The basic wiring project was funded by residence hall reserves set aside for major projects — literally from the rent paid by students who have lived in the campus' five residence halls and in the campus apartments. The remainder of the project is partially funded through user fees.

"ResNet," as John Bowers, director of UMM computing services, says the new system has been coined, offers student residents the same complete network services available to UMM faculty members in their offices. Computing Services spent much of the fall quarter setting up central services (such as printers) for the new network, and began connecting students' computers in late November.

Both Macintosh and IBM-compatible personal computers can be connected.

The network fee will be only \$40 per computer for the next academic year.

The student network fee compares favorably with commercial Internet service providers, who often charge \$30 or more per month for much slower access by modem and phone line.

In order to fully support the network, UMM Computing Services has added a new staff member, Chad Pankratz, whose responsibility is entirely focused on helping residence hall network users. As a demonstration of commitment, Pankratz's office is located in Gay Hall, one of the student residence halls.

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THE REP AND THE REGENT Former Representative Chuck Brown chats with Regent Jessica Phillips ('97), UMM student from Virginia, Minn., at the reception celebrating the successful lobby effort for the science building/HFA renewal. Clair Nelson, DFL-endorsed candidate for District 13A, is seated in the background. (photo by David Morrison '97, Deer River)

We did it!

Thanks to the efforts of UMM supporters, we can take our first step toward UMM's much needed new and upgraded science and mathematics teaching facilities. We couldn't have done it without the energetic participation of alumni, parents, the Morris area community, and other friends. Your efforts in contacting legislators and helping us to tell the UMM story played a key role in our success.

We are grateful to our volunteers, and wish to formally recognize those who played a part in this important effort. For those of you who contributed your time and talents, but who may have been too modest to let us know of your efforts, we are no less grateful. You know who you are, and we thank you for helping UMM to secure the science and mathematics teaching facilities that match the caliber of our students, faculty, and educational program.

We would like to thank our legislators and their aides, the Morris Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, the Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission, the UMM Alumni Association, and the Morris Campus Student Association for their leadership in mobilizing support for this effort.

We wish to also recognize the following individuals who wrote letters and made phone calls on behalf of UMM:

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Terry Benson
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Claire Campion
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Dennis Gimmetad
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And for any of you whom we missed, please let us know so that we may thank you personally!

To volunteer for the UMM Legislative Network, simply return the *Class Notes Clip & Send* found on page 16. (If you are not an alumnus, please indicate your relationship to UMM, e.g. "parent" or "friend.") We do need volunteers to assist in the next phase of the Science Project effort!

The UMM Lobby Group: Dave Johnson, Michael Korth, Maddy Maxeiner, Gary McGrath, Tom McRoberts, Justin Miller, Eric Newell, Lowell Rasmussen, Judy Riley

CLASS OF '64

Jere and Joyce (Koosman) ('67) Ettesvold live on their farm in Cyrus. Joyce is an elementary teacher at Morris Area Elementary School. Their daughter, Jennifer, graduated from the University of Minnesota in June '94 with a degree in economics and is currently working for Dayton's.

Judith (Bogie) McDonough, a member of the UMM charter class of 1960-62 has been named "Who's Who Among America's Teachers 1996". She graduated from Moorhead State University and earned her master of arts degree in curriculum and education from St. Thomas in 1985. Currently, she is a teacher at Forest Lake High School. She shares with us, "I still hold great memories of the first two years at UMM!"

CLASS OF '65

Kathleen Gjerdingen writes, "Hello to alumni friends, you are all special!" Currently, she is the music education director at Wartburg Lutheran College in Waverly, Iowa.

Arlene (Baggs) Hamstreet was married to Robert Hamstreet on June 23, 1995. They reside in Delano, Calif., where Arlene teaches math and science to seventh graders at Delano Union Elementary School.

CLASS OF '66

Barbara (Murphy) and Donald Kampmeier currently reside in Inver Grove Heights, Minn. Donald is the president and general manager of Central Livestock Association, and Barbara is a speech pathologist at an elementary school in Apple Valley. They have three sons: Jeff, Kevin, and David. Their two eldest were married in the past year.

Marian Nelson lives in Wheaton, Minn. She is the director of the Wheaton Community Library. She writes that life is "very busy".

Richard Realdsen is proud to announce his 30th year anniversary of teaching physical education and health at Paynesville Middle School.

Ruth (Goodemann) Schmidt of Forest Lake, Minn., went to Ecuador with World Mission League for three weeks in February.

Douglas Watnemo of Maplewood, Minn., started at UMM in it's second year and transferred to the main campus later to graduate with a degree from the school of business. He later got his master of business administration degree from St. Thomas and has worked for the Minnesota Department of Finance for 27 years.

CLASS OF '67

Marie (Beachem) and Don ('70) Dokken of Rochester became grandparents three years ago. Their daughter, Kristen, and her husband, Carl, have a son, Thomas. Dan writes, "Being a grandparent is better than expected." Marie is a sixth grade teacher at Kasson Mantorville School District, and Dan is a stock broker with Smith Barney Shearson.

Dennis and Ronna (Rambow) ('70) Flesner live in Little Falls, Minn. They both work in schools there. Their daughter, Tiffany, transferred to UMM this year from Drake College in Iowa as a junior.

Steve Larson of Albert Lea, Minn., has switched careers and is now a full-time artist. His son, Bruce, attended UMM for one year. Bruce graduated from the UMTC and is currently a graduate student at Loyola University in Chicago. His daughter, Anna, is a junior at UMM.

CLASS OF '68

Curtis and Sandra (Guter) ('71) Larson live in Hudson, Wis., Curtis is a chemist at 3M, and Sandy is a family counselor. They have three daughters: Erin, Amanda, and Meredith.

Bruce Moen resides in Willmar with his wife, Darlene. The couple has three children, two of whom attend Concordia College. Their third child graduated from Augustana College. Bruce has been active in the agriculture chemical fertilizer wholesale distribution business since 1974.

Jimmy Winter writes to us, "alive and well, playing lots of tennis." He resides in Lubbock, Texas, where he is a professor of fisheries at Texas Tech University.

CLASS OF '70

Julene (Kill) ('72) and Paul DeZeeuw tell us that Julene completed studies in English as a second language and is a sign language interpreter in Montevideo. Paul earned his master of arts degree in special education from Granite Falls.

Judith (Carlson) and Michael ('71) Hopp reside in Darwood, Maryland. Judith is a counselor at the Montgomery County Public School. She received her master of arts degree for counseling K-12 from Johns Hopkins University in 1993. Michael works in management and organization development at Lockheed Martin. The couple has three children: Christopher (22), Pam (19), and Tom (16).

Janice (McCann) and Wayne ('74) Karels reside in Montevideo, Minn., where Janice is a fourth grade teacher. Wayne is a manager at Metropolitan Federal Bank. They are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their oldest daughter **Erin ('95) to Jeff McCoy ('92)**, who are also UMM alumni.

Karen Kutzler lost a courageous battle with cancer on February 16, 1996. She attended UMM a year before transferring to North Dakota School of Business in Fargo. She is survived by her husband, parents, siblings, and many friends.

Andrew Olson lives in Chanhassen, Minn. He is currently taking STP courses for the AGC.

Robert Rickeman retired from banking in 1994 after 23 years in the profession. He is now employed by IBM in Essex Junction, Vt. He informs us, "I do genealogy research for individuals with New England roots."

Gayle (Fairchild) and Thomas Schuster live in Crookston, Minn. Gayle is a financial aid counselor at UMC, and Thomas is the manager of a John Doe business. Their son, Paul, married last September.

CLASS OF '72

Zelda Goggin of Chaska, Minn., passed away last December. She was an elementary teacher in Chaska.

Brian Gray recently bought a Subway franchise in Park Rapids, Minn. He is a conservation officer with the state of Minnesota. He and his wife keep busy managing the restaurant. The couple has three children.

Mary (Olstad) Kron works as an accountant in Anchorage, Alaska. She has two children; both attend college.

Gary and Sarah (Peterson) Laurent live in Shakopee, Minn. where Gary recently completed his third term as mayor. He is self-employed with Laurent Builders, Inc. The couple married the day upon graduating from UMM, and they have three children.

Keith Setterstrom works in the engineering department at Malt-O-Meal in Northfield, Minn. His oldest son Ryan is currently a student at UMM.

Richard Trolhier is proud to announce that his daughter, Amy, wed last August. He is the quality control manager at Caballa's Industries in Sidney, Neb.

CLASS OF '73

Judy (Wartman Schmidt) Blair has been extra-active with Christ Church in Anchorage, Alaska. She and her husband, Mike, recently built their "dream cabin" and are anxiously awaiting summer, when they can spend more time at their vacation get-away.

Richard Finck lives in Bertha, Minn., where he teaches aid and health.

Gabriel Gieske of Sauk Centre, Minn., is a dairy farmer and a community volunteer. His oldest son recently graduated from high school and will be attending college. He is "keeping busy by staying involved in community affairs."

Robert and Theresa (Smith) ('75) Larsen live in Edina, Minn., with their three children: Eric (17), Katie (16), and Emily (12). Robert is a carpenter foreman with Edgework Builders, and Theresa is a human resources consultant for Norwest Technical Services.

Frank Lawrence is a lab corporation technician for Vencor in Kansas City, Mo. He has three children.

Coleen (Peters) and Joel ('72) Peterson have two kids and are "doing great." Coleen has been teaching art for 22 years.

Diane Tvedt was recently featured on Channel 2's "Tapes Rolling: Big Kids on the Block" program. Diane is the coordinator of the Neighborhood Citizen's Patrol for the Stevens Square-Loring Heights neighborhood in Minneapolis.

CLASS OF '74

Irene Monroe works as a state officer in the order of the Eastern Star in Morris. She is a photographer as well. Irene is proud to announce the birth of her ninth grandchild last November.

Rosella Stow is a photographer with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in Minneapolis. She has two children.

CLASS OF '75

Cathy Palmer Allen graduated from the main campus. She married and now has two boys, ages four and seven. Currently, she resides in Minneapolis.

Robert Leaverton writes us, "visited UMM in May of '90 and was quite impressed, saw some familiar faces, figured out the new traffic patterns, and enjoyed visiting the campus." He is a CNC machinist at Command Technology in Baltimore. He lives in Arbutus, Md.

Karen (Burr) ('73) and Tony Tigges have two children: Kelsey (12) and Stacey (6). Tony recently ran for school board position in Alexandria, Minn.

CLASS OF '76

Carol Dillon and Larry Ghan ('78) are proud to announce the adoption of their daughter, Rachael. Larry was recently reelected in his fourth term as county clerk in Pocatello, Idaho, where Carol is also a counselor.

Susan Eckstrom will be entering the seminary in Sioux Falls, S.D.

David Houtkooper and Nancy Gladson-Houtkooper write us, "We live in Lakeville, Minn. Nancy is completing her 20th year with Richfield Public Schools. David is working for the rapidly expanding Heat'N Glo Fireplace Company. We have two sons: Ben (16) and Adam (12). Yes, we still have Major (one of the original horses to arrive on campus in '74). Major will be 34 years old."

Kim Collins was recently a candidate for a school board position in Alexandria. He and wife, Pam, have three children: Becky, Kris, and Jamie.

Michael Lockett of St. Paul is a chemist with 3M.

Dan Mueller moved back to Minnesota and is a bookstore receiving manager. He lives in Hopkins.

CLASS OF '79

Dale Decker is in his sixth year as the athletic director of Howard Lake-Waverly High School. He and wife Vicki have four children.

Judith Martinez Sones recently ran her first marathon in the Twin Cities Marathon. This was a personal goal of her's to accomplish before her 40th birthday. She is a health and physical education teacher and coach at Chaska High School.

CLASS OF '80

Patricia (Schleper) Bechtold is "having fun working for NordicTrack at Crossroads Mall, St. Cloud." She lives in St. Joseph, Minn.

Martha (Bopp) Beck is currently a graduate student at the University of Colorado. Her husband, Gene is a petroleum engineer. "We have two daughters, Mary (4) and Margaret (7 months)." Martha and her family live in Englewood, Colo.

Nancy Elias recently completed a successful trip to New Orleans with Sweet Adelines Chorus. Her group placed 14th out of 30 in international competition. Presently, she lives in Roseville, Minn.

Debra Petersen ('81) and Tracy Fredin of Minneapolis, have one son, Taylor, and another on the way. Tracy is the assistant director of Hamline University's Center for Global Environmental Education. Debra is an assistant professor of communications at St. Thomas University in St. Paul.

James Gelbmann works for the state as the executive director of the Board of Government Innovation and Cooperation. He recently ran for a school board position in South Washington County. He and his wife, Mary, live in Woodbury, Minn., with their sons Andrew and Christopher.

Thomas Kotval is an internal auditor for the National Guard Bureau in Little Falls, Minn. He has two daughters: Tiffany (11) and Tracy (19).

Mark and Sharon ('81) Nash shared with us news of their trip to Vienna and Prague. Mark works for Full Compass Systems, and Sharon is a substitute teacher with Middleton Cross Plains School District. The couple resides in Middleton, Wis.

Anthony Palmer and Peggy (Ness) writes us, "Hello to all of our friends from UMM. We are currently living in Sarasota, Florida and are enjoying the beaches and warm weather." Anthony is a manager of computer services with Manatee Community College, and Peggy works for Senior Friendship Centers.

Richard Reed recently wed in Arizona. He is the director of market scheduling for Naegele Outdoor Advertising.

Michael Schumacher is the district computer coordinator at the Wabasha schools. He has three kids, Becky, Greg, and Geoffrey and is "doing fine."

Tom Skoglund and wife Karina are proud to announce the birth of their first child. Sophia was born on November 25, 1995. Tom is teaching economics and psychology at Blaine High School. He is also the computer technology coordinator for the building. He would love to hear from other alumni. His email address at work is skoglund@anoka.k12.mn.us or skoglund@ties.k12.mn.us.

CLASS OF '81

Faith Annis runs an insurance company within her home in Kensington, Minn.

Scott Behrends wrote us, I'm "enjoying life in the Pocono's!" He is a merchandising engineer with Footlocker in N.Y.

John Benda is an environmental project manager for GEOTek in Sioux Falls, S.D. He has two daughters, one of whom attends UMM and the other is in kindergarten.

Dale Bute is an accountant for Midwest Alarm Company. He received his accounting degree from Bemidji State University. Presently, he lives in Sioux Falls, S.D. with his wife and four children.

Lori (Steenstra) Curott is a teacher in District 877 near Buffalo, Minn. She has a 10 month-old baby boy, Cullen.

Chuck Grunklee writes, "Hello to everyone!" He is a realtor with New Home Finders in Tulsa, Okla. He and his wife are moving to Minn. in the fall of '96.

Daniel Hintzen has been running international triathalons for several years. He has a master of business administration degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Presently, he works for Northern Trust Co. He is married to Mary Bachman, a former UMMC graduate.

Steven Quaal is a senior system analyst for Equal Lab in St. Paul.

James and Michelle (Bauman) Smith of Shakopee, Minn. have two sons, Matthew (6) and Jamie (2). Last November Jim returned home after a six month tour of duty in Haiti. He is a captain in the army reserve and was activated to take part in the UN mission to help restore democracy. Jim is a credit supervisor for Textron Financial Corporation, and Shelly teaches sixth grade in the Shakopee school district.

Gordon Straw returned to school to earn his doctorate in theology at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

CLASS OF '82

Donald Dainsberg teaches fourth grade at the Chaska Elementary School. Presently, he lives in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Kent and Amy (Van Sloun) ('83) Johnson recently had their first child, Kendall Marie, on March 4, 1996. Kent is a territory manager with Tilton Equipment Company in St. Paul, and Amy is a buyer for NordicTrack. The family resides in Maple Grove, Minn.

Deborah (Stangler) ('84) and James Metz live in Cambridge, Minn., with their two daughters: Caitlin (6) and Christian (5). James is a math teacher with the Cambridge school district. Deborah received her master of education degree in March 1996 from UMMC.

Bradley Moore and wife, Catherine, are expecting their first child in July. Brad has been an account manager for Concept Group, Inc. for 14 years. Catherine works for Xerox Document Management as a training specialist. The couple lives in Eagan, Minn.

Janine (Swenson) ('84) and Steven Nordquist recently had a second child, Paige, in September 1995. Janine is the vice-president of operations for Eastern Heights State Bank in St. Paul. Steven is a design engineer with 3M in St. Paul. The family lives in Hudson, Wis.

Paula Palmer-Anderson recently graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a master of arts in education degree. She shares her Fridley home with husband of four years, Duane, and daughters: Chelsie, Megan, and Alyssia.

Donna (Jass) Peterson of Mission, Texas, has

four children: Robbie (9), Elizabeth (7), Judyn (5), and Nicklaus, (2). She keeps quite busy by home schooling them. Her husband, Tom, owns and operates Peterson Contruction.

Joy (Roe) Robbins is a church secretary and domestic engineer in Florence, S.D. She has three children: Mark (11), Amber (6), and Trent (4).

Bruce and Sharon (Drange) Rowan of Hopkins, Minn., share with us news of their sons' involvement in Childsplay Theatre productions *Peter Pan* and *Benjamin Bunny*.

Monica (Pavek) ('85) and Thomas Stackpool have three children: Caitlin, Cavan, and Cade. The family resides in Virginia, Minn., where Tom coaches basketball and baseball at the community college. Monica teaches math and coaches volleyball at the same school.

CLASS OF '83

Jill (Lewis) and Peter Becken live in Circle Pines, Minn., with their three children: Emily (6), Kayla (2), and Daniel (1). Peter is a systems analyst with 3M, and Jill is a math teacher and basketball coach at Forest Lake Senior High School.

Jeffrey and Rebecca (Schotzko) ('84) Braegelmann of New Ulm, Minn., have four children. Jeff is a partner in a law firm.

Dale and Michelle (Kallhoff) ('84) Brown revisited UMM in late March to attend the retirement celebration of Dale's father, Vern Brown. Dale is a graduate school coordinator for the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. Michelle, a health educator for Illinois State University, Normal, added two courses per semester in addition to her regular schedule. The couple resides in Normal, Ill.

James Butler and wife Lisa live in Lakeville, Minn. with their daughter, Alicia (2). James works at the Lakeville Post Office.

Michael Cutler owns and runs his family farm in Claremont, S.D. He married in 1986 and has two daughters, Makenzie and Madison.

William Caven of Fairfax, Minn., is married and has two kids.

Diane (Swenson) ('84) and Douglas Christian live in LeCenter, Minn., with their three children. Douglas owns and is an attorney for Title Production. Diane is a subsitute teacher at LeCenter Elementary School.

Nancy (Hanson) Erdmann and husband Jerry are expecting twins in late May. The twins will join three sons: Zachary (7), Logan (5), and Justin (2). Nancy is a full-time ecocardiogram interpreter at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. The family lives in Dodge Center, Minn.

Nancy (Delage) and Timothy Huber are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Abigail Grace, on September 8, 1995. She joins one sister, Jessica (3). The family lives in Lino Lakes, Minn. Two years ago Nancy opened "Eye for Design," her own graphic design business. Tim is a department manager with Delta Environmental Consultants.

Teresa (Jung) Johnson works in a small school near Lincoln, N.D. She is both a teacher and the principal.

Mark Kroontje and wife Sue have four children: Emily (8), Stephanie (6), Rachel (3), and Heather (7 months). The family lives in Harreid, S.D., where Mark is the county attorney and owns a private practice.

Gregg Laurence writes, "I was married on September 23, 1995 to Karen Eckdahl. Karen's brother-in-law is former UMM roommate **Mark Kroontje**. Our home is near Willmar, Minn., where I continue to work at the South 71 Veterinary Clinic."

Laurie (Voss) Sanders is proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Katherine, on June 9, 1995. She and husband Kevin live in Fergus Falls, Minn.

Stuart Shelstad is proud to announce an addition to the family. Brooke, born December 15, 1995, joins a two year-old sister, Samantha. Stuart is a supervisor for the Famers Home Administration. He and his family live in White Bear Lake, Minn.

Anne (Peterson) and Russell Thomson live in Waterford, Mich., where Anne is a fifth grade teacher with the Rochester school district. Russell is a systems engineer supervisor with Electronic Data Systems in Troy, Mich. One way the couple keeps in touch with UMM is by accessing the UMM home page on the world wide web (<http://www.mrs.umn.edu/>).

Richard Welke is employed with the Iowa Department of Health. He also plans to open a tree nursery business in the near future.

CLASS OF '84

John Bruss of Cottage Grove, Minn., is expecting the birth of a baby in April. John work for 3M.

Delvert Cole is currently employed with one of the nation's largest banks (NBD) in the corporate management program. He resides in Gary, Ind.

Kim (Schmidt) ('86) and Rob Gernandt were married in Eagan, Minn., on August 5, 1995. UMM alumni in the wedding party included **Bruce Klopffleisch ('84)**, **Sally Olson ('85)**, **Don Brabeck ('84)**, and **Scott Bunkowski ('84)**. Kim is a communications teacher at Scott Highlands Middle School in Apple Valley. Rob is an attorney/editor at West Publishing Company in Eagan. The couple lives in Lakeville, Minn.

Dan Haukos recently switched jobs and currently works for IBM. Dan lives in Anoka, Minn.

Christine (Wood) Kluthe of Moundsview, Minn., has two children: Lauren (1) and Joseph (2). She is a nurse.

Scott Nemmers is an assistant professor of physics at the University of North Dakota. He received his master's of arts degree in 1984 and doctrate of philosophy degree in 1993 from UND. In June 1995, he married wife Victoria. In tle near future he will enter the Air Force.

Roger Rozeboom and wife Kim announce the birth of their first child, Robert Lee. He was born January 3, 1996, weighing 9lbs., 2oz. and was 22 1/2 inches long. His godfather is **Kevin Rozeboom ('87)**.

Tina (Brown) Shelton writes us, "Living in Palm Harbor, Florida for past 18 months with Jim, my husband of ten years and my sons Patrick (8), Ryan (6), and Sean (5). I really appreciate Florida after hearing about the winter in Minnesota this year! I work for a large format, commerical and industrial screen printer as the sale representative. Florida is paradise, but I really miss the snow at Christmas."

Alan Zimmer spent nine years in the Air Force as an imagery analyst. Currently, he is pursuing a master's of science degree at George Washington University in Environmental Engineering. He resides in Alexandria, Va.

CLASS OF '85

Kris and Shelley (Beals) Budke live in Anoka, Minn., where Kris is finishing anesthesia school in May. Shelley recently received her private pilot's license.

Charles and Karla (Pronk) Farrell of Gurnee, Ill. inform us that Charles was just promoted to the position of assistant director of the Reynolds Club on the University of Chicago campus. The Reynolds Club is the student center on campus.

Cynthia (DeRudder) Geskey is employed at Physicians Eye Care Center, where she is an

office manager and "a whole lot more". She married in 1987, and in 1989, she moved to Columbia, Md. with her family. She has two girls: Laren (6) and Kaitlyn (2). Will they ever move back to Minnesota? She says, "Hope not! Summers are too hot, winters too cold."

Thomas Hausmann and wife Mary Ann live in Waverly, Iowa with their daughter Katie, who is four years old. He is in his third year at Wartburg College as a computer center manager. He taught for five years at the University of Northern Iowa, where he met his wife who is a programmer at UNI. He comments, "parenthood is worth it's weight in gold!"

Lisa (Podolske) and Terence Hill live in New Richmond, Wis. with their two children: Kashia (5) and Kory (2 months). Terry has accepted the position as manager of the Hammond Golf Club in Hammond, Wis.

Charmayne Huntley Hood has four children and is a nurse at Willmar Regional Treatment Center. She lives in New London, Minn.

Jeffrey Johnson of Lincoln, Neb. is a medical doctor at the Lincoln Family Practice Program there.

Cheryl (Johnson) Nymann is a program and assistant director at Sturgis Community Center in Sturgis, S.D. She has a son, Adam (3), and a daughter, Marie (1).

Douglas and Julie (Groothuis) Runia of Clara City, Minn., have two children, Chelsey (8) and Trent (6). Doug is working towards his master of arts degree in education administration at Saint Cloud State University. Julie is a kindergarten teacher at Yellow Medicine East School.

Lee Varpness and Susan (Jung) Varpness are quite busy with music. Sue is home full-time but teaches piano lessons and is accompanying a great deal at church. Lee is a middle school band teacher at Montevideo, where over 90% of the students participate in music (band and/or choir). He directs three bands, jazz ensembles, and the summer marching band. In addition, Lee is a low brass instructor at UMM one afternoon a week. The Varpness' have three kids: Jamison (7), Melissa (5), and Joseph (7 months). In addition to this, they are involved in Jungs Plus, an eight piece band with Sue's parents and friends. They reside in Montevideo, Minn.

CLASS OF '86

Steven Bennett of Marshall, Minn., is a credit analyst with Schwann's Sales Enterprises. He has a son, Matthew, who recently turned one year-old.

David Born lives in Shakopee, Minn. He is a police officer with the City of Golden Valley. In June he and his wife are expecting their first child.

Bart Hill is proud to announce his marriage to wife Julie. The couple married on April 20, 1996 in Morris. Bart is a fourth grade teacher at Madison Elementary. He is also the assistant basketball coach and head baseball coach at Lac Qui Parle Valley High School.

Darcy (Ayers) and Troy Holt are both teaching fourth grade in Springfield, Minn. In March they had their third child.

Carolyn (Oswald) Johnson of Bangor, Wis., is an elementary school teacher at New Lington School.

Brett and Shari (Brunes) ('87) Johnson of Dassel, Minn., have three children: Brett (6), Kyle (3), and Melanie (1). Shari is on leave for the year from teaching to be a full-time mom. Despite living on Lake Washington, the two went on a tropical cruise in April.

Jeffrey Maudal of Eagan, Minn., married in August 1995. He is employed with West Publishing as a computer programmer.

Kevin McClarnon is proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Ella, born October 2, 1995. Ella joins four year-old twin sisters, Brenna and Casey. Kevin and family live in Burnsville. He is employed with Summit.

Joy ('94) and **Michael Shea** live in Glenwood, Minn., where Michael owns and manages Hoplin Funeral Home.

Jeffrey Stobb of Pullman, Wash., married in 1990. At present, he attends graduate school and is studying neuroscience.

Amy Zimmer-Berke writes, "We'd like to announce the birth of our third child, Matthew Jacob Berke, born November 6, 1995. I am still working at home as a licensed daycare provider. Currently I have six daycare children that I watch. It's a lively household to be sure!"

CLASS OF '87

Nancy Dahlem is enjoying life in Barstow, Calif. "The cactus and setting sun in Mojave Desert are beautiful. Occasional trips to Vegas keeps me running to the bank."

Roger Ebnet recently bought a farm in rural Benson and now owns 10 acres of lawn and shovels a half-mile of driveway. He recently began his masters of arts degree in education at UMM.

Laura (Belt) Elzinga writes us, "My husband Dirk and I live in Tucson, Ariz., where he is working on his doctorate in linguistics. I stay at home with our son Michael born on January 24, 1996 and our cocker/daschund Gwen."

Brenda (Thue) Gegen is a full-time second grade teacher for the St. Francis school district. She resides in Anoka, Minn.

Ann Grossman Casey writes us, "My husband Mike and I just had our first child, a daughter, Emma Ann, on February 25, 1996. She has brought us so much joy already!" Ann and family live in Barnum, Minn.

Dawn Harris Florey is proud to announce the completion of her master's degree in education. She is a high school math teacher in Watertown, S.D.

Kaye (Andersh) and **Todd Hesemann** have two children: Zachary (4) and Christopher (2), and another due in July. Both Kaye and Todd are computer programmers and reside in New Hope, Minn.

Ivan Hohnstadt is an advertising sales representative for KQDS radio station in Duluth, Minn. He started there earlier this year and before that he worked for a group of four other radio stations for three years.

Diane (Gulbrandson) Hulzebos of Rosemount, Minn., works with the Department of Human Services in the chemical dependency unit. She has four children and works as a liaison to the county.

Kermit and **Lisa (Klukow) ('88) Iverson** of Woodbury, Minn., had one daughter, Abigail Marie (10 months). Kermit is a mutual funds department financial manager with Piper Jaffrey, and Lisa is a pharmacist with Snyder Drug.

Timothy Jennissen of St. Louis Park, Minn., is proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Carolyn, on November 7, 1995. Tim is a project leader with SSA Elke.

Jon Linser of Neenah, Wis., is employed with Central Products Co. in Minasha, Wis.

Leigh Marthe has a lot of news to share with us. She got a NEW job and recently became the Director of Student Leadership and Activities with the University of St. Thomas. She has a NEW husband, Larry Siegel. The couple built a NEW house in Mendota Heights, Minn. Finally, Leigh and Larry are expecting a NEW baby in

August.

John McGaa sends his greetings to the class of '87. He went to Saudi Arabia to set up a recycling program in a steel mill with his engineering job. He lives in St. Paul and works for the Department of the Interior with the federal government.

Denise (Ruter) and **Robert Murphy** live in Brooklyn Park, Minn., with their one year-old daughter, McKayla. Denise works for Dayton Hudson, and Rob works with CD Searle as a medical sales representative.

Karen (Carr) and **Eric ('89) Nelsen** live in Big Lake, Minn., where Karen is a fourth grade teacher with the Big Lake school district, and Eric is the vice-president of computer programming at E.S.A., Inc.

Mary (Eliason) Poss is proud to announce the birth of her son, Carl who will soon turn one year old. She is a news reporter with Kadoka Press. Mary and family live in Philip, S.D.

Arnold Prokott of Altoona, Wis., is the head of research and development and coordinating seminars at the National Education Institute.

Robert Roelike was recently promoted to the position of manager at First Bank. He lives in Champlin, Minn.

Susan (Kosak) Salter is a teacher with the Burnsville School District. She is proud to announce the birth a daughter, Jennifer Marie, born October 10, 1995. Jennifer joins brother David (2). Jennifer and family live in Burnsville, Minn.

Penny Sax is a probation officer with the U.S. Probation Office. She will be starting law school in the fall at Drake University. She lives in Des Moines, Iowa.

Stacy (Nelson) Schoot of Woodbury, Minn., is a first grade teacher with Woodbury Elementary School. She recently completed her master of arts degree in education.

Catherine (Condon) and **Todd Sicard** are expecting their first child in May. Catherine recently celebrated her first anniversary at West Publishing Company. Todd is playing in a rhythm and blues band with other Morris alumni in the Twin Cities area. He is employed with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. The couple resides in Mendota Heights, Minn.

Neil Stiller is employed with Rochester Public Utilities as a project electrical engineer. In 1995 he received the status of professional engineer. He is proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Rene LeAnn, born July 1995. Rene joins older sister Erica.

Amy (Eix) Suhr of Waukon, Iowa, is employed with Allmakee Community Schools. She and husband Jeff live with their 15 month-old boy, Nathen. The couple is expecting a second child in June.

Kenneth Theisen owns Alternative Business Furniture in Eden Prairie, Minn. He and his wife are expecting their second child in May. The Theisen family lives in Plymouth, Minn.

Carol (Olson) and **Donald Vancura** writes, "We added a second child to our family on December 18, 1995. Holly Elizabeth became the little sister to Addrienne (3). Carol is an at home mom doing daycare for two other families, and Don manages the Rent-to-Own store in Fargo."

CLASS OF '88

Nancy Rippe-Burtchaell was married in June to Steve Burtchaell. Steve, a professional musician, and Nancy are expecting a baby in May.

Jeff and Liane (Schank) Davie updated us that their one and a half year old twin boys, Timothy and Joshua are doing well! Jeff has a new job as an engineer at Data Card Corporation.

Robert Friedlain is presently the head software engineer at West Publishing company. He and his wife Anna are expecting their second child in August.

Sonda (Carlson) Jacobson had a baby boy, Riley Gustave, on November 19th, 1995.

Al Krieb and **Debbi Blonigen-Krieb ('81)** write, "Al and I were married in 1991 and since then have been very busy! In October, we were blessed with the arrival of our sons, Sam and Garrett. I am currently a Global Account Manager with AT & T and Al owns and operates "Play It Again Sports" in Buffalo, Minn., He also does athletic and training clinics."

Steven Kvidera and his wife Sandy had a baby boy, Scott, on November 21, 1995.

Cynthia Lamberty is a chemistry teacher at Nicholls State University in Louisiana.

Brian Lemcke has a new job! He is currently working at 3M in New Ulm.

Daniel and **Jenifer (Garrett) Marier ('89)** both work at West Publishing. They are living in Hastings, Minn., with their two daughters Delany(4) and Jenna (1).

Brian Orvis and his wife Kim celebrated their five year wedding anniversary this past December. They have a four month old son, Alex.

Douglas Reimers currently lives in Eden Prairie, Minn. and works at Rosemount Manufacturing.

Gregory Schooler is currently employed at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

Stan Vander Lugt , who lives in Eau Claire Wis., has begun a new job as an accountant at Clifton Gunderson and Company.

Bastian and **Melissa (Meyer) VanHofwegen** had their second boy, Skyler, in November. Bastian is now a Safety Manager at BFI waste management. Melissa is a piano teacher.

Angela Walton works at Pitney-Bowes in St. Paul as an assistant account manager. She is enjoying being a jack-of-all-trades.

Douglas and **Lisa (Condon) Wedman** announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsey Anne who was born on October 22.

CLASS OF 89

Anita (Gratz) Bastian had a baby girl on November 7. Anita is a first grade teacher in Kaukauna Area school district in Sun Prairie, Wis.

Michelle (Rode) Bouta currently lives in Clontarf, Minn. She is married with two children and three step children.

Susan Ellingson completed a course in co-op management at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in January. Susan states that **Connie Jorgensen ('86)** and **Blair Nelson ('89)** host "Trivia Team" for St. Cloud Radio Contest KVSC. They would like alums to join their group in the first week of February 1997.

Elanda Hanson writes us that retirement is wonderful! Elanda worked as a building and grounds worker at UMM.

Brian and **Marlene (Mars) Kadlec ('91)** happily announce the birth of their first child, Rachel Catherine. Born October 18, 1995. Rachel weighed seven pounds one ounce and was nineteen and one-half inches long.

Sandra Kness flew to Scotland on March 11, 1996 to get married to Michael McDavid. They will be living in Fort Worth, Texas.

Donald and **Barbara (Bush) ('90) Paulson** are both working at the South Dakota Development Center in Redfield.

Timothy Ray attended graduate school at North Dakota State for one year. He recently directed "Jesus Christ Superstar" in Barrett, Minn. Timothy also directed "A Piece of My Heart" in Fergus Falls this past March.

Rickard Roche is now an account executive at Horace Mann Insurance.

Daryl and **Nancy (Ransom) ('90) Wattenhofer** announce the birth of their baby, Relsey Joe, born in September 1995.

CLASS OF '90

Robin (Koltes) Albert has been married for three years to Vance Albert. They have two children: Cody (4) and Rachelle (2). She also has three step children. Albert is a construction sales person and Robin is currently a geometry and computer applications teacher at St. Michael - Albertville High School. She is also on the educational support team for the district. This spring she will receive her master's degree in educational leadership at St. Cloud State University.

Aaron Buesing has been hired as conservation engineer with the Minnesota River Source Joint Powers Area. Aaron received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering in 1991 from the UMMC campus after spending his first two years of school in Morris. Buesing now lives in Montevideo, Minn.

Christopher Chopp of St. Cloud, Minn. has a two year old son, Christopher John.

Lynda (Felland) Brier was married in June 1995 to Matt Brier from St. Paul.

Rochelle (Hoveland) and **Timothy Cleary** are doing well in Tuscon, Ariz. Their two sons, Nick and Aidan are wonderful. Tim is finishing his graduate work in sculpture and beginning his job hunt.

Jeffrey Everson is the associate program director for athletic facilities at the UMMC campus. He manages activities for Williams Arena.

Darin St. Germain of Ames, Iowa tells us that his wife, Alison St. Germain, graduated from Iowa State University and passed her registered dietician exam.

Kim (Haugen) and **Michael Hawkenson** are expecting their second child on March 30. Kim is a field director for Peacepipe Girl Scout Council.

Krista (Peterson) Hong was pestered by her father to write to Alumni Relations...In June 1994 Krista married Steve Hong. They purchased a house in July of the same year. Krista writes they are busy with friends in South Minneapolis, family, work and lots of volunteering! "Hi Alana!"

Carrie (Seaton) Jepma is enrolled in a graduate English program at St. Cloud State University. She has a two year old named Jerrid.

Amy Karsten practiced veterinary medicine in a mixed animal clinic in LaCrosse, Wis. for the past year. She left the U.S. in February 1996 for a Peace Crops project in Equador. She will be working there as a veterinarian for two years.

Deborah Quinn and **Glen Shilling** announce their engagement. Deborah is currently enrolled in a physician's assistant program at Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Ill. She plans to graduate in June. Glen is managing a well service in Fairmont, Minn. They are planning a May wedding.

Kevin and **Michelle (Fernholz) ('92) Ricker** were married on October 14, 1995. The couple is living in Litchfield, Minn. Kevin is a sales representative for Keebler, and Michelle is an assistant controller for Central-Allied Enterprises in Willmar, Minn.

Leslie Soule returned to school at St. Cloud State University for her bachelor of science in

accounting.

Julianne Trebelhorn of Winthrop, Minn. was recently featured in an article in *Winthrop News*. The article detailed Trebelhorn's music teaching. She currently has 13 piano students.

CLASS OF '91

DeAnna Baukol is teaching first grade at Villard Elementary school in Villard, Minn.

Donald Beissel started a new position at United Hospital in St. Paul. He is a registered nurse in the cardiopulmonary special care unit.

Jay Carlson is working on his master's degree at Moorhead State University.

Kristin Haase has completed her tour in the navy. Kristin was awarded the Navy Achievement medal while serving at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Orlando. This medal was awarded for her work as a division director and instructor. Kristin has accepted a technical training position with Hughes Network Systems, a large telecommunications company in Gaithersburg, Md.

Samantha (Mattson) Gulon and her husband, Tom, just purchased 10 acres of land and are now proud homeowners!

Lori (Schwenn) Hein moved from Rapid City, S.D. following graduation and married Bob Hein in 1990. Bob is in the Air Force, and his tour at Ellsworth AFB had kept them in the beautiful Black Hills until last July. Lori reluctantly left her job of five years as Vice President of Rapid City Economic Development Corporation and followed Bob to Grand Forks, N.D. Lori is now enjoying some time at home before her job hunting begins. She would love to hear what the '86-'87 Indy 2B gang is doing these days!

Mary T. Brual and **Curtis Schmitz** were married on October 21, 1995 in Pipestone, Minn. Mary is employed as a social worker in the Elk River school district. Curtis is self-employed.

Jennifer (White) Daniels recently received the navy and marine corps Achievement Medal. She was recognized for her achievements while serving at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Orlando. Jennifer had joined the Navy in 1990.

Karen Hilden received her degree in Dairy Management at South Dakota State University and is currently the superintendent of the dairy plant at SDSU.

Lori Inman writes, "I will be spending the next year as a traveling marketing director for General Growth Management out of Minneapolis. I will travel to shopping malls throughout the United States filling in as marketing director and working on special projects. I packed up my apartment, put my things in storage and will spend the year on the road. I look forward to hearing from my UMM pals - just write to my parents, they will know where to find me! 1912 Dorathea Blvd, Worthington, MN 56187."

Valeri (Sitz) Higgins has received her master of arts degree in Curriculum Design and Development from the University of St. Thomas.

Amy (Beste) and **Scott Kimlinger** update us that Scott is now working for Alliance Technical Services. Amy and Scott live in Burnsville, Minn.

Shawn Kirkeide announces his marriage to Sue Berg. He is currently teaching fourth grade at Cambridge Middle School, in Cambridge, Minnesota.

Sara (Messner) and **Keith Kuhn** proudly announce the birth of their baby boy, Preston Conrad. Preston was born on November 5, 1995. Keith is the head women's basketball coach in Byron, Minn.

Jeremy Levitt graduated in Environmental Chemical Technology in November 1994 from Hennepin Technical College.

Kimberly Mancini finished her master of arts program in Asian American Studies in September 1995.

Amy (Nordaune) Nelson was married last August.

Craig and Paige (Anderson) Nordling updated us that Craig is teaching fifth Grade and is also the head basketball coach in Monticello Public Schools. Paige is working for an attorney.

Julie Olson has returned to school at Moorhead State University. She is an elementary education major.

Sharon (Widmer) Papiernik writes, "I completed my Ph.D. in soil and water science at the University of Nebraska in May, 1995. In addition to my degree, I also earned the love of a wonderful man, Tom Papiernik, and we were married in September 30, 1995. We are now living on Cape Cod, where I am working on a post-doc. at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. It's quite a change from the mid-west, but we're adjusting well!"

Pam (Nackerud) Peterson had a son on May 9, 1995. She is currently working at Tracy State Bank.

William T. Peterson was married to Rita Mae Cushing in September 1995.

Lisa RedWing is applying to begin her master's degree in Liberal Studies at UMM.

Aaron and Genoveva "Eva" (Guzman) Rocha would like to say "hi" to the Casa's in Miami and the rest of the boys and girls. And "hello" to the soccer team.

Leah (Fonder) Solano will receive her Ph.D. in May in Hispanic Literature from the University of Arizona, Tucson.

Kirk ('92) and Stephanie (Sunde) Sorenen were married on January 20, 1996. They reside in Eau Claire, Wis. Kirk is the assistant director of security for Menards Corporate Office in Eau Claire. Stephanie owns her own pet grooming shop in Eau Claire.

Leon and Shelly (Busche) Stockinger of Sauk Rapids, Minn. have a one year old son, Riley.

Greg and Julie (Pelkey) Sullivan are both teaching at Owatonna High School. They each finished their master's degrees this past summer. On October 20, 1995 they had a son, Ty. They are enjoying spending time with him as well as coaching cross country, basketball, and golf. Their email address is: Sullg@ohs.ISD761.K12.mn.us.

Gerri Swiers is expecting a baby in May. She is currently living in Bejou, Minn.

Brian Thomsen writes that, "After three years of retail management in Fargo, N.D., I recently moved to Sioux Falls, S.D. I am currently working for Equitable Life of Iowa as an insurance agent, selling life insurance, disability income insurance, long term care insurance, annuities and other related products. Currently working with clients in Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota."

Jeff Tyberg contacted us on email to say, "Well, after attending a Leadership Training School with Youth With A Mission in Colo. in '95, I'm currently 'on assignment' in Chicago, as hub-city coordinator for summer outreaches. And I'm on-line! My address is: Timemarker@aol.com if anyone wants to say 'Howdy!' "

John and Stacey (Frank) Voit ('93) updated us that Stacey is at South West State University getting her license for music education. Last summer they added a cat, "BeBob" to their family.

CLASS OF '92

Jason Bonk writes, "After graduation, I attended the University of North Dakota, working on my Ph.D. in organic chemistry. In the Summer of 1994, I transferred to the University of Mississippi, and am still working on my Ph.D., but now in medicinal chemistry. In June '95, I married Doreen Schuette. We both reside in Oxford, Miss. Doreen is employed as a paralegal. Please feel free to email me - my address is: jbonk@sunset.backbone.olemiss.edu."

Jean (Fellbaum) Braun recently moved to Ramsey, Minn. to a big new house.

Mary (Johnson) ('91) and Scott Burroughs are living in Mason City, Iowa. Last December Scott's play "The Raven and the Robin" was produced in Austin at the "Matchbox Theater." Scott wrote the original draft of this play as his senior project while he was at Morris.

Thomas Cook recently wrote us, "Just got back to Minneapolis from Denver to see old roommates and friends. I saw **Sheridan One Feather ('93)**, **Kevin Dubois ('94)**, and **Eric (Stoney) Stonestrom ('92)**. I will be attending law school full time in the Fall in Lansing, Mich. I want to say "hi" to **Gina Hammer ('95)**, **Mark Mount ('94)**, and my old friends and teammates."

Charles Dawson and Indira Sampson-Dawson ('88) updated us over email, "Since leaving UMM, Charles and I got married in 1988 and moved to Portland, Oregon in 1989. Charles finished his degree in Theatre Arts in 1992. Charles is working for a computer distributor as an RMA Manager. I have been working as the Grants and Contracts officer for the Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest after finishing my bachelors degree in History in 1993. We have two kids - Anya Rose who is six years old and in kindergarten and Sean Dakota who is two and aspiring to be the next Pele. We have had a hard winter here in Oregon - floods, snow, ice and wind but we escaped the Arctic zone that the hardy Midwesterners endured. Our email address for all of our computer happy friends is: turtlenw@teleport.com."

Kristin (Olson) and Tim Doeden of Worthington, Minn. announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Thomas, born March 22, 1996. Benjamin weighed eight pounds, three ounces.

Amy Elise Garner is working on her masters of Liberal Studies degree at the U of MN, courtesy of Donaldson Company Inc.

Melanie (Dahlin) Gillespie wrote us, "My husband Jerry and I bought a house in Brandon, S.D. I recently marked my first anniversary working for Sioux Vocational Services, Inc., an organization that serves adults with developmental disabilities."

Melissa Gray is currently living in St. Paul, where she is attending graduate school in Library Science. She is also a licensed insurance agent with State Farm Insurance.

James and Julie (Stephas) ('93) Hafstad recently wrote, "We are currently living in Crystal, Minn. Jim graduated in May with a masters in statistics. He works for Fingerhut Financial Services as a credit risk analyst. Julie is working as a pharmacy technician in a local drugstore."

Jill K. Hakes announces her engagement to David Sadlowsky. Jill is currently employed as a physical therapist for Lake Ridge Health Care Center in Roseville, Minn.

Kimberly (Denton) Haller was married on April 1, 1995, to her high school sweetheart, Dean Haller. She is a sales administrator at ADC Telecommunication. Kim is living in Minnetonka, Minn.

Joseph and Rebecca (Steffi) Hill of Willmar, Minn. have two children: Erin, (3) and Joshua (20 months). Joseph is a phy ed instructor and coach at Willmar Public Schools. Rebecca is a science

teacher and gymnastics coach. Her gymnastic team is ranked second in the state.

Elizabeth Hoffman writes, "I am currently a graduate teaching fellow at the University of Oregon in Eugene pursuing a double masters degree in music history and flute performance. I plan to continue here with my doctoral course work as well. Hello fellow music alumni! I miss you all!"

Lisa Kirschenman is a student at St. Cloud Technical College.

Cheryl (Stadick) and Josh Maiolo ('93) are expecting a child in May. They recently purchased a home in Delano, Minn.

Kevin Muelken is presently a third year medical student at the UMMC. Kevin will be working in Bemidji, Minn. through the Rural Physician Associate Program.

Joy Nielsen wrote the Alumni office on email recently. She writes, "I finally graduated in March with my Master's degree in Medicinal Chemistry. I am currently working at the cancer center at the University of Minnesota Hospitals and Clinics. I am working on retroviral mediated gene transfers for potential cancer therapies. The work is very interesting and exciting but also very frustrating at times. My email address is niels032@gold.tc.umn.edu."

Andrea Nordaune is now a 10 - 12th grade teacher in Quincy Public schools in Quincy, Maine. She is also a Spanish instructor at Quincy University.

Beth O'Connor writes, "I got my Master's degree in Dec. '94 and finally landed a full time job last August. I'm the program manager at a camp for the disabled in southern Ohio. I'm currently spending a lot of time recruiting counselors for the summer - anyone need a summer job?"

Heather (Brodin) Olson of Detroit Lakes, Minn. was married on August 5, 1995 to Joel Olson. She works as a third-grade teacher and gymnastic coach in Frazee.

Awilda (Wilson) and David Olson are expecting a "family addition" on August 17, 1996. Awilda is finishing her degree in Spanish at the University of Kansas. David is a sixth grade teacher at Kennedy elementary school in Lawrence, Kan.

Michael and Molly (Phillips) Peterson write, "Once again we are on the move. As of yet we don't know where we're going - only where we're not staying. If you know of any place that needs an English teacher and a vocal music teacher let us know. We'll go most anywhere! (605) 466-2337. PO Box 43, Isabel SD 57633."

Jacqueline (Stoltz) Roessler of Madison is currently teaching at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Alison Schroeder is working as a research scientist at UMMC.

Melissa Selvaag of Evansville, Minn., is self-employed as a Cellular 2000, collections representative.

Candace 'Candi' (Besemer) ('94) and David 'Dave' Seyfried wrote us the following email message, "Married life is going well. Candi got a job as the school nurse in Dell Rapids, a little town 20 miles north of Sioux Falls. She has done her internship in school nursing so she was very excited to find a job here her first year out. I am going to teach a couple of classes here at Augustana - hope to get that experience that is so valuable. I've been keeping my eyes open for a full time teaching job."

Matthew Sklar has received his series seven license with Focal Point Financial Services. He is currently a broker.

Chad Werner graduated from the University of Arizona graduate program for deaf education.

He is planning to get married in July 1996 to Jen Mankle. Currently, he is looking for a teacher position in deaf education.

Danielle (Tjomsland) and Rodman Strenke are expecting a baby in October. Danielle is the editor of a local newspaper, and Rod is a scientist at Crown, Cork, Seal in Tinley Park, Ill.

Jade Templine is working in the Dakota County office of planning for Natural Resources and Park Issues.

CLASS OF '93

Kathleen Beach writes, "I am working in Sauk Center coordinating Religious education and youth ministry for two Catholic parishes. More exciting is my upcoming marriage to Kevin Knoblach on August 31, 1996. I am also working on my masters in Pastoral Ministry at St. Mary's in Winona and plan to graduate December of '97."

Karen (Hansen) and Kyle Berget ('90) are still living in Morris, operating their B and B, The American House. Karen is the director of the Steven's County Historical Museum and also the current chair person of the Morris Planning Commission. Kyle teaches fifth grade at Morris Area Elementary. They have two children: Alyson (7) and Lincoln (2).

Matthew Carrington of Morris, Minn. has graduated from South Dakota State University in accounting.

Jennifer (Erickson) and Mark Eaves are both working as teachers in the Hinckley School district. Mark is the band director and Jennifer is teaching sixth grade science and language arts.

Vincent Xiong Ger recently graduated with a master's in environmental and mental health. He is currently working for the Minneapolis Health Department.

Jennifer Harnly graduated from Temple University in May 1994. She will be married in August in Pennsylvania.

Jason and Jamison (Yurek) ('95) Holum were married on July 29, 1995.

Anthony Huml is working at Janesville Craig High School in Monticello, Wis.

Alanah Karpen has changed her major to music education - she will be going to Willmar Community College to finish up. Hopefully in the Fall she will return to Morris.

Robin (Shumate) Lee is now working at American Express.

Timothy Lloyd was married on August 5, 1995, to Teresa Hartman. He is still at Armstrong High School teaching math and coaching hockey and football.

Diane (Lotzer) Broksieck of Brookings, S.D., is teaching at Hillcrest Elementary school. She was married on March 5, 1995, to Chad Broksieck.

Anne Lucklow is in a graduate program for her doctorate at the University of Denver.

Jennifer (Marinan) Carlson was married in September 1995 to Jason Carlson. Jennifer is living in Sauk Rapids, Minn.

William Porter of Annandale, Minn. is a personal trainer at Lifetime Fitness.

David Ringquist is engaged to Amy Breitenbach ('94), who is also a UMM alumna. They will be married in September and moving to Colo. in April.

Joan (Revier) Seedorf is living in Ann Arbor, Mich. Joan was married on April 1, 1995, to Matthew Seedorf. She is working in a community education program.

John and Lacreitia (Minkel) Svenningsen "are now living in a suburb of Milwaukee. John is a second year medical student at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Lacreitia is a senior lab technician and Spanish instructor at Findley Adhesives, Inc. They wrote in to report the birth of their daughter, Ashley Marie. She was born on Tuesday, January 9th, weighing 7 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long."

Spencer and Tonya (Pietruszewski) Tiernan have two children: Daniel (4) and John (2). They are living in Morris and invite any classmates to drop by and visit them on 4th street by the University (525 E. 4th St.).

Linda Wilson is a graduate student at St. John's University in Queens, NY. She is getting her master's in East Asian Studies.

Catalina Worden of Montevideo, Minn., is applying to UMM to earn her master's degree. She will begin Fall 1996.

CLASS OF '94

Melodee Anderson graduated in 1995 from North Dakota State University. Her degree is in respiratory therapy. Melodee was married in June to Hugh Smith. She is currently working at Americare Hospital in Fargo as a respiratory therapist.

Jill Asfeld and Michael Smith ('93) were engaged this past Fall and have set August 24, 1996 as their wedding date. Both reside in St. Cloud, Minn.

Heidi Berg updated us recently, "Well, I have survived yet another winter in Northern Wisconsin. I'm enjoying my job as a Family Based Specialist and am keeping busy with facilitating parenting groups and working with foster children. I have also been busy with wedding plans. I'm marrying **Troy Seppelt ('96)** on June 29th! Troy will be graduating from Morris in June.

Carrie Bulger emailed us, "I'm in my second year at the University of Connecticut in the Industrial/Organizational Psych. doctoral program. I'm expecting to defend my master's thesis in May, and then start a year-long internship. The internship search is still going on, however, so I'll have to let you know where I end up. Feel free to get in touch with me via email: cab94002@uconnvm.uconn.edu."

Emily (Bowron) and Joshua Crabtree have added to their family a new puppy, Daisy Mae. Daisy is a black lab.

Andrea Cota of Elk River, Minn., is a nurse at Children's Health Care Minnesota.

Jill Davis is a elementary music teacher at Sebeka public schools in Minnesota.

Jeannette (Phillips) Drown is employed at Prairie Community services in Morris.

Sudhanshu Dwivedi is working on his Master's degree in public administration and working as an departmental administrative aide.

Matthew Henry will be graduating from the UofM Duluth this spring in Organizational Management. He will also be working at Minnetonka Travel in Wayzata.

Jody L. Houle is planning to marry in February 1997 (this is a tentative date) in Orlando, Florida. She is considering relocating from NY to Orlando, Fla. after purchasing a new home. Jody is working in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

Mary Jaehnert is teaching at Shattuck, St. Mary's Private school, near Faribault, Minn.

Jennifer (Iverson) and Monte Johnson updated us that Jennifer is a Title I teacher in Cloquet, Minn.

Benjamin LaCroix is a project manager for

Merrill Corporation. Benjamin is living in St. Paul, Minn.

Andrew Laufers of Roseville, Minn., is currently studying Law.

Brigitta (Ligon) Dunning and her husband Steve proudly announce the birth of their first child, Steven La'vell Dunning II. Steven was born in February 1996, weighing seven pounds and five ounces. They live in Oxnard, Calif.

Angela Mahlberg wrote us, "I continue to explore the social side of religious diversity, as a pantheist who lives in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood and works at a Roman Catholic University, Marquette. I live in Milwaukee, Wis. with my fiancée **Patrick McLaughlin (UMM '90-'91)** and our bird. Patrick and I will be married this September. Look us up if you're in the area!"

Morgan Mann is attending medical school at the UMTC campus.

Dorothy (Green) Nins had a baby boy in December 1995. Dorothy is an Independent Training Consultant in Richmond, Va.

Daniel Lalor Orozco just finished working on a movie with Joe Pesche and Danny Glover called "Gone Fishing" and will soon be working with the television series: "Space: Above and Beyond." Daniel is living in Studio City, Calif.

Chris Rademacher is a second year veterinary student at the University of Minnesota. Chris will be married on August 3, 1996 to Melissa Kraft.

Thomas Reppe wrote in, "After two years here at Washington State University, I seem to have gotten used to this graduate school thing. Research, classes, and teaching are very enjoyable, and if all goes well I'll have my masters of science in geology by January, 1997."

Tye Roberts of Olivia, Minn. is teaching history and ESL in Belview/Danube/Renville/Sacred Heart school district.

Diane (Davignon) and Shannon Ryks updated us that Diane was awarded a Child Development Association Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington D.C., which represents the early childhood profession. Diane also recently began a new job as the lead teacher at Children's World Learning Center. Shannon is enjoying his job at Home Health Inc.

Marcia Scherzer is working at the Minneapolis *Star Tribune* in the classified section. Marcia is a student of journalism and advertising at the UMTC.

Daniel Stephens II announces his marriage to **Emily Ruud ('95)** on Dec. 30, 1995. Daniel is currently living in Chicago and working at Swiss Bank.

Lina Tucker is a student at the UMTC, enrolled in the Minnesota Studies in International Development. She left in January 1996 for an Internship in Kenya. This internship is in the area of community health education.

Jennifer (Wilson) and Michael Wagenman updated us that, "Mike is very happy working at the Progressive Corporation - an auto insurance company based in Ohio. Jen found the perfect job at Bethel Seminary Library, although these days she's working at home taking care of Emma Rose, born Jan. 31, 1996. We're currently living in Fridley, Minn."

Susan Wiese works full time at the Morris Public Library. Susan also works/volunteers at the Crisis Listening Center in Alexandria.

CLASS OF '95

Chad Bounds is presently working at Fargo Electronics Inc. He was married in August of 1995.

Karin (Hallin) Broeker writes, "On August 19, 1995 I married Chad Broeker, and shortly after our wedding we moved to Tucson."

Andrea Bullinger and **Casey Czarnowski** were married on July 29, 1995.

Laurie Determan wrote in, "I transferred to SCSU in 1994. Graduated with my BS in Community Health on Nov. 23, 1995. I am living in St. Cloud (job hunting!) with my daughter and I'm expecting my second child in July of '96. My new address is: 28 3rd Ave. NE #206, St. Cloud, MN 56304."

Donovan Diede married Rebecca Roorda Diede on June 10, 1995. Donovan graduated in May from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D. He is a Paton-Churdan high school math teacher in Iowa.

Ann Erikson will be graduating in June from the University of Minnesota, School of Nursing.

Jennifer Fitzke wrote us, "I made the big move out of my parents house and am substitute teaching in the Osseo School District. Before that I was student teaching in New Zealand - an all around great experience! Currently I'm living in New Hope."

Sondra (Breeggemann) Glynn wrote, "Craig and I announce the birth of our baby girl, Corinna Marie, on September 11, 1995. She was nine pounds, one ounce and 22 in. long. I graduated from UMD with a BA in Economics but for now I'm a full-time mom."

Jennifer Guggisberg announces her upcoming Summer wedding. She is living in Lakeville, Minn. and working in Eagan at Production Parts.

Susan Harris spent August 1994 to July 1995 participating in the Congress-Bundestag Exchange Program for Young Professionals in Germany.

Heather Holmquist is attending graduate school at Iowa State University. She is pursuing a Master's of Science in exercise physiology.

Dione Hubbard is attending graduate school at the University of Texas, Austin.

Michelle Johnson is working at a Market Research Firm. She would like to say hello to Craig, Joel and all their pals.

Jessica (Severson) and Jason Kirwin ('96) were recently married.

Jane Ludwig announces that she will be married on May 18, 1996 to Jim Langman. The couple will reside in Lowry, Minn.

Justin Miller was in Pittsburgh last summer to present his research paper, "Accurate Replication in Genetic Algorithms." He presented this paper with Professor Nick McPhee at "The Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Genetic Algorithms." Miller works in the UMM audio visual department.

Terri Mox is studying at the UMTC. She is working towards a registered nurse degree.

Curtis and Keely (Palmer) ('94) Rees emailed us, "Keeley and I were married this past summer and spent a great week in Cancun, Mexico on our honeymoon. We came back sunburned and broke but it was worth it. Hurricane Erin fouled up our travel plans on our way home but we made it. Keeley is currently finishing her master's degree in Health Physical Education and Recreation from South Dakota State University. We live in Sioux Falls where Keeley works at the Sioux Valley Hospital Wellness Center. I am finishing some more undergraduate courses in elementary education at Augustana College and working at Gateway 2000 where I sell computer peripherals.

I'd like to say hi to all the good people working at the Information Center. Also a big Steinhaus salute to Groovy Train, Sasquatch and Boy. Hope all is well in Motown."

Jami (Pagnac) and Matthew Schumacher wrote in, "Matt and I were married in Crookston, Minn., on Nov. 25, 1995. We had a wonderful day despite the six inches of snow! Both of us are working full-time and living in Grand Forks, N.D. I'm doing public relations work at the UND Alumni Association and Matt is a computer programmer at United Hospital.

Jay and Rebecca (Huseth) Smith updated us that: "We were married July 22, 1995 and moved to W. Lafayette, IN. where Jay is pursuing his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry at Purdue University. Becky is a residential supervisor in a geriatric group home for developmentally delayed adults and will be pursuing her master's in management this fall at Purdue."

Twila Smith recently became engaged to Jim Moncada. They are planning a September 7, 1996 wedding in Brooklyn Center, Minn.

The Minnesota State Society is honored to have its Cherry Blossom Princess, Michelle West, crowned Queen of the 1996 Cherry Blossom Festival. This annual event is sponsored by the National Council of State Societies. Michelle was also invited to Japan for two weeks -- April 24-May 10 -- to help celebrate the 30th anniversary of their Cherry Blossom Festival. Queen Michelle met and dined with several dignitaries including the foreign minister, the mayors of Tokyo, Hiroshima, Kyoto, and

members of the Imperial Diet. Nancy Zierdan is teaching Spanish and Phy. Ed. at New York Mills High School. Nancy also coaches junior high volley ball in the fall and ninth grade boys basketball. In July, Nancy will marry Todd Van Erp ('92).

Class Notes Clip & Send on back page!

Don't Miss the Opportunity--

Division of Education Receives Professional Accreditation

The University of Minnesota, Morris Division of Education has been accredited under the new, performance-oriented standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the agency responsible for professional accreditation of teacher education.

UMM is one of 54 schools of education that received either initial or continuing accreditation by NCATE's Unit Accreditation Board in its most recent round of decisions.

"Our continued national accreditation is an indication of our program strength," commented Judy Kuechle, UMM associate professor of education. "Students know that selecting an accredited university, and completing a rigorous teacher education program, better prepares them to be effective teachers.

"It is important to note that the division's continued accreditation meets national standards, not just those of Minnesota," Kuechle continued.

Our continued national accreditation is an indication of our program strength. -Judy Kuechle UMM associate professor of education

The 1995 accreditation standards emphasize teacher performance. They focus on what teacher candidates should know and be able to do, and expect candidates to demonstrate specific skills.

Schools seeking NCATE accreditation under its redesigned system must meet high standards in areas including quality of faculty and graduates, and program excellence.



UMM JAZZ ENSEMBLES AT LOUIS ARMSTRONG PARK Current jazzers pose with "Satchmo."



ALUMNI JAZZ ENSEMBLE performs as part of this year's Jazz Fest. Guest trombonist Ernie Watts and saxophonist Bill Watrous combined with current UMM jazzers for two evening performances. (photo by David Morrison '97, Deer River)

UMM Students Participate at NCUR

Eight UMM students were among more than 1,900 undergraduate students and 400 college faculty members from across the U.S. who participated in the 10th National Conference on Undergraduate Research April 18-20. The conference was held at the University of North Carolina (UNCA) at Asheville.

UMM participants were Jennifer Borgert, Swanville; Ann Christensen, St. Cloud; Shannon Hamre, Mahanomen; Valerie Kepner, Appleton; Erin Osborn, Minnetonka; Troy Seppelt, Alexandria; Crystal Vasecka, Brooklyn Park; and Sara Vasilakes, Lengby.

In addition to 1,850 student presentations, there were plenary sessions with three guest speakers -- poet Alan Shapiro, biologist Richard Goldsby, and psychologist Elizabeth Loftus -- an evening banquet with writer and humorist Roy Blount Jr., and several lunch time lectures by UNCA faculty and special guests.

UNCA began the conference in 1987 with only 400 participants. The conference then moved to a different U.S. campus each year, returning to UNCA for its 10th anniversary this year. What makes this conference so remarkable is its sole

focus on undergraduates, providing students the opportunity to present the results of their original research, some of which has taken two years to complete, Said UNCA Chancellor Patsy B. Reed.

Regarded by many university faculty members as a celebration of the intellectual life of the American undergraduate, this year's conference drew student researchers from 300 U.S. colleges and universities, including the University of California at Davis, Carnegie-Mellon, Harvard, Yale, Emory, the University of Michigan, and the University of Washington.

Research topics are wide ranging, touching on everything from fiber optics to collaborative dance. Students presented papers, posters or performances in virtually every academic discipline.

Visit NCUR-10's home page on the World Wide Web: <http://www.unca.edu/ncur/> for more information.

Coming Soon to an Internet Near You--- "Alumnet"

An alumni home page on the World Wide Web

The name may change, but an alumni home page IS COMING on the World Wide Web...watch for it!

UMM has a World Wide Web home page (URL: <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/>) which currently links to Briggs Library, Computing Services, Admissions and Financial Aid, the UMM Bulletin, campus events, personal pages for faculty, staff, and students, and more. A WWW Advisory Committee began working during winter quarter and expects to have a redesigned home page along with other new pages loaded by early June. Contact people are Nancy Mooney, chair of the WWW Advisory Committee, and John Bowers, webmaster.



FRENCH STUDENTS complete nine-year archive project Between 1986-1995, 19 students have worked under the supervision of Edith Farrell, professor of French, to translate and transcribe the correspondence of Monsignor Anatole Oster. The final page has been printed and copies of the transcript made. The original will remain in the West Central Historical Center in the Rodney Briggs Library at UMM and the other was sent to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the source of the original letters. The first student who was part of this Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) project, Jennifer Jesseph ('87), picked up 120 letters, dating from 1866-1910, from the archives and began the daunting job. She predicted the project would take 10 years. Over the years, the number of letters nearly doubled and wills, biographies and other documents pertinent to Oster were added. The finished product is a book of over 500 pages, of which only 12-15 words have not been translated. Several of the students involved with the project are pictured with Dr. Farrell: row 1, Cara Critchfield ('93), Farrell, Kris Dalen-Bord ('91); row two, Sara Kerr ('91), Tamara Smith ('91), Peter Lindbloom ('91), Deanna Beal ('91). A reunion was held during Homecoming Weekend '95.

Roland Wilson ('76) provided background vocals and one character voice during Mixed Blood Theatre's recent performance at UMM of "Daughters of Africa."

Faculty-Staff Recognition Dinner Honored Six Retirees

Six members of the campus community who have retired in the past year or who will be retiring soon were honored at the annual Faculty-Staff Recognition Dinner held May 14 in Oyate Hall. Those honored were Doris Benson, principal accounts specialist/accounts supervisor, Business Office; Ed Bretz, senior operating engineer, Curt Gunvalson, operating engineer, and Chuck Taffe, heating control specialist, all of the Heating Plant; Vern Brown, manager of Business Services (formerly General Services); and Betty Payne, office specialist, Post Office.

Chuck Grussing ('75), Campus Security, was the master of ceremonies at the annual event that also recognized Jenny

Nellis, professor of art, recipient of the Horace T. Morse-Minnesota Alumni Association Award; Tom Turner, associate professor of Spanish, recipient of the University of Minnesota Continuing Education and Extension Distinguished Teaching Award 1995;

Recipients of the Mary Martelle Awards: Krista Bramer, UMM senior from Mankato, and Lynn Schulz ('68), senior analyst/programmer; the three recipients of the Outstanding Staff Awards-- Carol Ford, principal secretary, science and math division, AFSCME; Sharon Van Eps ('83), program adviser, Center for International Programs, Civil Service; and Jane Harstad, building and grounds worker, Teamsters.

UMM Introduces Master of Liberal Studies Degree

Jason G. Lina ('97) Pengilly, Minnesota

As a part of its commitment to expand higher education, the University of Minnesota, Morris will offer a new graduate degree program beginning with the 1996-97 academic year. The Master of Liberal Studies is a graduate degree program from the Graduate School and University College/Continuing Education and Extension at the University of Minnesota. The MLS is designed for adult and part-time students — those with a bachelor's degree or previously earned advanced degree — and a lively intellectual curiosity and a desire to resume — or begin — on a part-time basis, the lifelong business of a liberal education. Evening classes and comprehensive student services provide the convenience that busy people need in continuing their education.

The MLS program offers a **unique opportunity to expand student's intellectual horizons.** Unlike traditional graduate programs, which focus on a single discipline, the MLS program is designed to help students explore and synthesize the historical perspectives and current research of several disciplines in the social sciences, humanities, arts, and natural sciences. It allows students to customize a flexible course of study, and to develop research, thinking and writing skills.

The MLS is a 44-credit program (about 11 courses) which can be completed in three years by taking one course each term, including summers, however, students may choose to accelerate or stretch out their course work. The program encourages the student, where possible, to propose and carry out his or her own unique interdisciplinary focus. Up to 17 transfer credits may be applied to the program.

Curriculum requirements for the program include a 4-credit introduction to interdisciplinary liberal education, three Liberal Studies seminars (12 credits) that are specially designed interdisciplinary courses, six selective courses (24 credits) drawn from 5000 and 8000 level courses in a variety of academic areas, and a final capstone project course (4 credits). These courses will be taught by University of Minnesota faculty, from Morris and the Twin Cities. Some courses may be offered over the University's interactive television network.

UMM hopes to offer two program "tracks" for the MLS. The first, for most students, will be a general "liberal arts" track with no particular emphasis. This MLS will include course work from the social sciences, humanities, mathematics/science and in educational leadership.

A second track, for a smaller

group of students, will present opportunities for an emphasis, two or three courses in a particular area of interest, in one of four areas: management, public policy, educational leadership, or human services.

Examples of courses offered through the MLS program are: Ethics and Aspects of Moral Thinking, Chaos and Complexity, World War II and the Crisis of the American Landscape, and Art and Politics of the Modern Russian Experience.

UMM will normally offer at least two courses each term, including summers, which may be applied to the MLS program.

Tuition for the MLS program will pay only course tuition and costs associated with textbooks or other course materials. There may be some fees but, in general, usual day school fees will not be charged to MLS students.

Persons interested in pursuing the MLS program should contact Mary Huebner, Continuing Education and Extension/University College in Morris at 1-800-842-0030 for more information and application materials.

Center for Small Towns Has Big Agenda

Judy Riley, University Relations

It's a small office; actually, it's a small desk. It has a small staff and the budget could be much larger. Other than that, there's nothing "small" about the reality of its existence, and the hopes and dreams for the organization called the Center for Small Towns.

The Center for Small Towns began in the mind of David Johnson, chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Morris. Keeping in mind the University's outreach mission, Johnson saw it as a method to create opportunities for faculty and students to become more directly involved in the challenges and problems facing small towns and rural communities. The Center has grown into a reality after a year of planning with people like Roger McCannon, director of Continuing Education and collegiate program leader (with the Minnesota Extension Service) at UMM; and with Patrick Conroy, of C&C Consultants, Fergus Falls, now on staff with the Center.

How did it all begin?

McCannon applied to the Minnesota Extension Service and received

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Were you involved with AI, ASA, BSU, CAC, CNIA (NASA), DFL, E-Q (10%), History Club, IMANI, Anthropology Club, ISA, LCM, ACSA, MPIRG, PHE, ps, Students for Choice, UCM, UL, WOCA, WRC when you were at UMM?

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Would you like to stay informed?

The Progressive Student Alliance is offering year-long subscriptions to its newsletter, *The Spectrum*.

The Spectrum offers up-to-date information concerning progressive organizations and issues both inside and outside the campus community. It also provides a calendar of progressive events compiled by campus groups (e.g. MPIRG, ASA, E-Quality).

A subscription is an excellent way to keep informed about current campus issues and attitudes. Cost is \$15.

To subscribe, send your name, address, phone number and \$15* to:

Office of Student Activities
UMM, Morris, MN 56267

*Send a check paid to the order of UMM with "Spectrum" written on the memo line.

Our thanks!

We look forward to keeping in touch with you!

a \$9,000 planning grant to do a feasibility study. To help with the study he hired Conroy to work with community leaders and local elected officials who were invited to focus group sessions. Executives of non-profit and governmental agencies and programs were asked for input, University faculty were interviewed, and other models from around the country were reviewed.

From the feasibility study, the mission of the new Center emerged: 1) to encourage communication among Minnesota's rural communities, urging collaboration in problem-solving, while at the same time offering it on behalf of the University. 2) its structure should be oriented to county seat towns and those that are smaller, and governed by a good mix of those inside and outside of the University; 3) the Center should look to provide information, facilitate collaboration between communities, broker University services to small towns, provide a basis for public policy formation, and provide for education and better communication in rural Minnesota.

The report concluded that there is an apparent interest in and need for a small town organization in rural Minnesota. "Small towns don't have to die, but will have to adapt," said one focus group participant in the study. Another said, "A rule of thumb is that although it doesn't take much for a small town to decline, it doesn't take much for it to grow, either."

The next stage in the process of creating the Center included a grant for \$15,000 from the Musser Fund in Little Falls to continue with the planning. These plans focused around staffing, mission, scope of operations and selecting an advisory council. Nancy Larson, executive director of the Minnesota Association for Small Cities (MASC), helped to determine which cities to work with.

In February the Center received \$22,000 from the Minnesota Extension Service to do pilot testing in several small towns with the help of the MASC. Next, it was awarded a \$57,000 grant through the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office, in conjunction with the Minnesota Campus Compact. The "model collaboration" grant was given "to support projects that combine college/university and community resources to address significant long-term community challenges." The projects, which involve colleges/universities and community-based organizations in Minnesota, are funded by the federal

Corporation for National Service and the Minnesota Legislature. This project is working with the West Central School district.

According to Carol McCannon, who works as the UMM coordinator for Minnesota Campus Compact, "Campus Compact grants are intended to encourage service learning, which is the process of integrating academic study with public service. Through this grant, our UMM students will get the chance to apply classroom learning to community challenges in the West Central Area School district." (Yes, Roger and Carol are husband and wife who are working collaboratively on this project.)

As a follow-up to a visit by the Minnesota Design Team to the WCA school district, the Center is looking at four separate projects that would involve collaboration of students at WCA and UMM. According to WCA Superintendent Kelly Smith, these projects will benefit all areas of the district by helping to blend together both educationally and socially the communities of Barrett, Elbow Lake, Hoffman, Kensington, and Wendell.

One project is designed to enrich the district's elementary schools at Elbow Lake and Kensington by incorporating mentorship opportunities with UMM students. Another will provide hands-on environmental and computer skills learning through a network of weather measuring stations set up across the district. A third project will produce a better understanding of the district's ecology by establishing an "eco-trail" near the high school in Barrett. Officials are looking for community input on the fourth project, which is yet to be determined.

What's next for the Center for Small Towns?

The Center is engaged in several projects that can be administered even with its limited resources and staffing. Of course the Center is looking toward the day when unlimited resources will be available and an "ideal staff" will include a full-time director, full-time support staff, a field representative, and a data analyst.

For more information about the Center for Small Towns, call Pat Conroy, coordinator, (320) 589-6450.



WASHINGTON D.C. GATHERING Alana Christensen ('91) and Curt Yoakum ('94) hosted a UMM alumni gathering last fall in Washington D.C. The party was a huge success attended by several alumni pictured above. Back, l-r: James Galvan ('99), Eric Humbert ('94), Rick Jauert ('78), Curt Yoakum ('94), Jon Meyer ('92), Rick Hoffman ('91), and Christina Muedeking ('92); middle, l-r: Michelle West ('95), Jill Ostrem ('91), and Andrea Beard ('85); front: Christensen, Kristopher Kytonen ('95).

READER SURVEY, UMM TO YOU

The editorial staff of *UMM To You* invites your comments on this publication. Please clip and return this readers' survey to let us know which features of this publication you value most, which ones are of less interest, and to suggest new ideas. Your comments will be the most useful if received by August 1, 1996. Thank You!

Please check all that apply:

I am a UMM _____ alumnus _____ parent _____ friend

Name (optional) _____

Please evaluate the following features according to their interest to you as a reader, using "1" as the most interesting, "2" as moderately interesting, and "3" as not interesting at all.

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- _____ Feature articles about alumni
- _____ Class Notes
- _____ Faculty/staff notes
- _____ Sports information
- _____ Chancellor's column
- _____ Alumni Association president's column
- _____ Columns by other members of the campus community, e.g. division chairs or student affairs directors
- _____ Events calendar
- _____ Photos of campus events
- Other ideas for *UMM To You*?



MIDWINTER NIGHT'S DREAM The UMM Alumni Association held its Second Annual MidWinter Night's Dream celebration at the Summit Manor reception house, St. Paul, in February. Approximately 60 alums came out to visit friends, listen to the sounds of a live jazz-classical guitarist, learn of new UMM campus plans, and eat tasty finger food. Left to right: Molly McCormick ('93), Aaron Paleen ('95), Jason Giel ('93), Susan Harris ('95), and Eric Carter ('93).

Public Liberal Arts Colleges Enroll More "A" Students, More Future PhDs

Students who attend member institutions of the Council of Public Liberal Arts (COPLAC), such as UMM, are more likely to pursue doctorate degrees than their peers at medium selective four-year public institutions and medium selective four-year non-sectarian independent colleges and universities. This comparison is based on results of UCLA's 30th annual national survey of entering freshmen. The report, released on January 8, 1996, also shows that COPLAC institutions tend to enroll more "A" students than medium selective private or public colleges and universities.

The comparison, which was conducted by UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute, indicates that freshmen at COPLAC institutions are more likely to rate themselves in the top 10 percent of their peers in academic ability, writing ability, public speaking ability, and intellectual self confidence.

Aside from the impressive level of student achievement at COPLAC institutions, public liberal arts colleges are universally recognized as "best buys" in undergraduate education, which, as the Freshmen Study indicates, is an important factor in student choice. According to *Money*

magazine's sixth annual Money Guide to the "best college buys," several members of COPLAC are among the most academically notable and financially affordable institutions in the country. The average cost of in-state tuition at COPLAC institutions is \$2,616.83.

Working together since 1988, and formerly founded in 1994, the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges came together to address issues such as the development and refinement of the liberal arts curriculum, strategic plans to promote active learning and strengthen the academic community, and to devise methods to achieve maximum utility from limited state funding. In addition to UMM, current COPLAC members include College of Charleston (S.C.); The Evergreen State College (Olympia, Wash.); Fort Lewis College (Durango, Colo.); Keene State College (N.H.); Mary Washington College (Fredericksburg, Va.); Northeast Missouri State University (Kirksville, Mo.); Ramapo College of New Jersey (Mahway, N.J.); SUNY Geneseo (N.Y.); University of Maine at Farmington; the University of Montevallo (Ala.); and The University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Driggs Lecture Rescheduled

Professor Marilyn B. Young of New York University gave the annual O.T. Driggs Distinguished Lecture, "The American War in Vietnam: 20 Years After 1975," on April 1. The lecture was rescheduled from October 9 due to the speaker's illness. Professor of History Miriam "Mimi" Frenier gave a lecture in October on the topic "Vietnam Twenty Years Later: 'Us' and 'Them'."

The O.T. Driggs Distinguished Lecture was established in 1985 by friends and former students of the late O. Truman Driggs who taught history at UMM from 1963 until his death in 1989.



LITTLE MAGAZINES DONATED Former UMM librarian Barbara McGinnis and Richard Grant, retired English faculty member, talk in front of the oak shelves in the McGinnis Room that contain the "Little Magazine" collection donated by Grant to the Rodney Briggs Library. McGinnis provided the funding to build the shelving on which the collection is displayed and to maintain the collection. The Little Magazines are so named, not for their size, but because of their limited circulation, usually short life-span, and restricted financing. (photo by Judy Riley, University Relations)



CHICAGO GATHERING Pat Gannon ('70) hosted a UMM Chicagoland area alumni gathering in March. During the course of the evening these ambitious UMMers established an official Chicagoland Advisory Group that will assist in general networking for current students and alums, as well as to help our admissions office in its recruitment efforts. Left to right: Deb Watson ('95), Kim Jones ('92), Tom Mahoney ('70), and Deavay Tyler ('95).

Homecoming '96: "Home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts"

David Kelly ('95), Coordinator of Alumni Affairs

Planning for Homecoming 1996 is well underway and you are receiving a newly designed schedule in this issue of *UMM to You*. Students, faculty, and staff are already making prodigious preparation for the return of our alumni and friends.

Events run from the highly successful Alumni Career Fair, which makes its eighth annual appearance on Friday, to the astounding sounds of the Concert Choir and Concert Band on Sunday. The complete weekend offers and guarantees many opportunities for fellowship and camaraderie among family and friends of UMM.

Founded and chaired by Pat Gannon ('70), the Alumni Career Fair prevails as being one of the most successful occasions for alumni and students to interchange ideas and aspirations. Last year nearly 60 alumni returned to UMM eager to share both their past and present life experiences with over 300 students. In addition, students pose to our alumni those probing questions that frequently assist and encourage their short and long term goals. This year's

theme: A World of Opportunities — connotes that this occasion brings into the hands of students an array of perspectives and choices.

Following the Alumni Career Fair is the MSP Alumni Association reception and roundtable discussion. In its fifth year, this very significant and lively forum affords students and alumni of color the chance to reflect and assess their mutual concerns and shared experiences at UMM.

Friday's next lineup is the Alumni Appreciation Banquet in the all-purpose Oyate Hall, and then at 7 p.m. in the Moccasin Flower Room, the Alumni Association will convene its annual meeting. Later Friday evening, there are plans for *University Register* Alumni to gather informally at the Met Lounge.

On both Friday and Saturday, explore the HFA Gallery's show of painters, printmakers, and sculptors who are represented by Circa Gallery in Minneapolis. Wanda Schackmann-Flechsig ('79), a UMM studio arts major owns and manages the gallery. Also, the Phi Mu Delta

Fraternity invites all their members to a reunion on Friday and Saturday nights; plans are being made for group events and a hospitality room at the Prairie Inn (formerly the Sunwood Inn).

Start Saturday's celebration with a visit to the Homecoming Welcome Booth on the mall. Alumni will be greeted by fellow classmates and current students who will provide an Alumni Weekend Discount Card for special prices on game tickets and items in the bookstore. The Tailgate Party with a carnival, food, and family fun precedes the 11:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade, which will stroll and prance through Morris and return to campus for float judging and more of the Tailgate Party. After that, energetic fans will head for the Cougar football field for pregame activities at 1 p.m. designed to rally Cougar Pride.

After the game, the spirit continues with the Alumni Homecoming Reception beginning at 4 p.m. in Oyate Hall. Later that evening, Campus Activities Council will sponsor a film in Edson

Auditorium, followed by the Cougar Hall of Fame Banquet and Awards Presentation at 8 p.m. in Oyate Hall. Saturday night's activities will be capped off with the UMM Jazz Band rendering some tunes at the Prairie Inn's Connections Restaurant and Lounge. Also alum Geoff Fluegel's ('96) Morris Coffee House will be another Saturday night hangout.

UMMers can close the celebration with two concert performances on Sunday presented by the UMM Concert Choir and Band. Both performances will be held in the HFA Recital Hall with Kenneth Hodgson, associate professor of music, directing the choir and Dennis Svendsen, assistant professor of music, conducting the band.

Please note the enclosed Homecoming Weekend Schedule inserted in this issue for complete details and motel listings. Also motels fill up early, so it's a good idea to make your reservations this summer. We look forward to your return and visit with us!

Plans Underway for New UMM Calendar

Mary A. Holewa ('97), Foley, Minnesota

Although the change to semesters for the University of Minnesota as a whole is not taking place for a few years, plans are currently underway for a new calendar that will affect the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Recently Dr. Sam Schuman, UMM vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, explained the changes that would take place. "There will be two semesters, with the first starting in September and lasting until close to the Christmas holiday. The second will start later in January and end sometime in May."

The impact of the semester change would mean that everything at UMM would move up one month in the schedule. Schuman stated that this could be helpful for students when seeking summer employment. With the current calendar, UMM students complete an academic year almost one month after most other Universities, leaving them looking for leftover jobs. The new calendar will also put UMM on the same schedule as 75 percent of all other higher education institutions, allowing for easier transfers and arrangements for athletic

tournaments.

The biggest change for the campus community will be the summer of 1999. That summer will be shortened by almost one month as the change is made to the new calendar. Students will complete the spring quarter in mid-June with the current system, but will start in early September with the new calendar — less time for landlords and the University to prepare for the start of the new school year and the returning students.

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First-ever Tech Fair Held for Faculty

John Bowers, Director of Computing Services

Over 300 students and faculty got a good look at the future of classroom instruction at UMM's first-ever Faculty Technology Fair, held recently in Oyate Hall.

Twenty-four UMM faculty members demonstrated how they use instructional technology, digital multimedia, computers, software, and networking in the classroom. The fair was organized to give UMM faculty a chance to share ideas about the many possible uses of technology in a high-quality liberal arts education.

Dr. Samuel Schuman, vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, the fair's sponsor, was present most of the day, showing the "Chaucer: Life and Times" CD-ROM that he's been using in his Chaucer class this quarter. Gary Jahn, professor of Russian at the Twin Cities campus, who teaches a contingent at Morris by interactive television, demonstrated a Macintosh equipped with a small, inexpensive digital video camera to conduct his office hours by computer videoconference.

UMM Associate Professor of Chemistry Nancy Carpenter presented the newly-acquired "CACH" chemistry application, a software package for modeling molecules which is being widely used by drug companies. Joe Franek, chemistry instructor, set up a demonstration of the use of computers for lab

measurements.

Other demonstrations included: a Macintosh running CD-ROM applications provided by Gwen Rudney, assistant professor of education; a looping videotape showing a short "claymation"-style film which had been digitally edited on the new lab computer in studio art;

Greg Thorson, assistant professor of political science, RealAudio files on the Web to listen to sound recordings of oral arguments at the United States Supreme Court; French instructor Erica Rosch, "La Page Francaise," a Web site she has authored; new reference librarian David Wuolu, and other professional staff of Briggs Library, information sources accessible from the Library's Web page and the "Starting Points for Internet Research" page; astronomical images from Web sites by Gordon McIntosh, associate professor of physics display; and Nancy Mooney, dean's office, a preview of the completely-redesigned UMM Web site and home page, which is scheduled to go online at the end of this quarter.

The MIDI keyboard and peripherals displayed by Jean Richards, associate professor of music, and computer-assisted set design by Associate Professor of Theatre Arts Tap Payne were among the other demonstrations.



TECH FAIR DEMO Students gather around a computer during a Tech Fair demonstration. (photo by David Morrison '97, Deer River)



LIVELY CONVERSATION An animated group of alums enjoy the recent MidWinter Night's Dream gathering held at Summit Manor reception house, St. Paul.



ICE CREAM AND LOLLIPOPS Youngsters marvel at the creative efforts of other area children at the annual "Ice Cream and Lollipops" exhibition in HFA Gallery. (photo by David Morrison '97, Deer River)

UMM classes of '64-'96, faculty and staff:

You're Invited!

So are your spouse, kids, and guests



sUMMERfest 2

Saturday, August 17, 1996

1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tim ('78) and Deb Peterson's Hobby Farm
Near Litchfield, Minn.

(Call the Alumni Office for directions, 320/589-6066)

This is your invitation to a special event, compliments of the UMM Alumni Association. You and your family are invited to join with UMM alumni as our special guests for an afternoon of outdoor fun—games, volleyball, frisbee, and more. We'll provide the brats, burgers, pop and ice tea, and you can bring a dish to share. Mark your calendar and join the fun!



See you there!

sUMMERfest planning committee: Marian Blattner ('81), Terry Benson ('79), Tom Hanson ('84), Barb Opitz ('78), Dean Penk ('79), Cathy ('87) and Todd Sicard ('91)

Faculty and Staff Corner

Chancellor David Johnson has been named to serve on the Membership Committee of the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning, an alliance of colleges and universities in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa. The committee's charge is to establish and maintain relationships with member institutions and to design the annual membership campaign.

Associate Professor of History **Roland L. Guyotte** presented the third annual Alexander Meiklejohn Lecture at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. His lecture was titled, "Alexander Meiklejohn, Public Citizen."

Head Wrestling Coach **Doug Reese** has published an article, "Using Video to Scout and Analyze Opponents - a Strategy for Success" in *Wrestling USA* magazine. Reese will also be working at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Seung-Ho Joo, assistant professor of political science, has published an article on "Russian Policy on Korean Unification in the Post-Cold War Era" in *Pacific Affairs*, a journal published by the University of British Columbia, Canada. The article is a revised version of a paper that he presented at the 36th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association. Joo also presented a paper at the 37th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association at San Diego. The paper is titled "The Role of Russia in Peacemaking in the Korean Peninsula," and will be published in *Asian Perspective* (winter 1996-97). He has recently been awarded a research grant from the Institute for Far Eastern Studies, Kyungnam University, Seoul. This summer he will participate in a joint research project on a "new peace system in Korea."

Rodney Oto, director of admissions and financial aid, has been asked to join President Nils Hasselmo's Asian American and Pacific Islander Advisory Committee. As a member of the committee, Oto will address issues and areas that are brought to his attention that may impact Asians or need an Asian viewpoint.

Dennis Svendsen, assistant professor of music and director of the Concert Band, was the guest conductor at the Sub-Region 3 Honor Band and Choir Festival held at Belgrade-Broten-Elrosa High School. The one-day festival combined the

talent of 85 select high school band students from seven regional schools, culminating in an evening concert.

Associate Professor of Speech Communication **Mary Elizabeth Bezanson** made a presentation, "The Conception of Communication as Obstruction or Justification for the First Amendment Protection of Commercial Speech," at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Speech Communication Association in San Antonio, Texas.

William Stewart, Minority Student Program director, and **Engin Sungur**, associate professor of mathematics, gave a presentation at the 21st Annual Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel Conference at the Abbey on Lake Geneva, Fontana, Wis.

Richard Lara has joined the Student Counseling staff. Lara comes to UMM originally from New Mexico, and most recently from Fargo and Minneapolis. He has extensive background in mental health counseling, alcohol and drug assessment and programming, and paralegal/advocacy assistance.

David Wuolu has joined the Briggs Library staff, replacing Barbara McGinnis who retired last year. Wuolu's web home page at Louisiana State is cited in *American Libraries* as one of the most useful subject guides to web resources that "separate the champagne from the snake oil."

Chad Pankratz is the new residence hall network support specialist in Computing Services. Pankratz is primarily responsible for providing user support for the hundreds of new residence hall connections on the UMM network. (See "Resnet" article elsewhere in this issue.)

New to the Admissions Office is Counselor **Judy Korn**. Korn is a 1995 UMM graduate with an English major and studio art minor. She has assumed the recruiting area that includes the northern suburbs of the Twin Cities and Duluth.

Retired Professor of Psychology **Ernest D. Kemble** and **C.J. Gordon** ('95) co-authored an article, "Yohimbine Increases Novel Odor-Induced Risk Assessment Behaviors," that appeared in *The Psychological Record*, 1996.

Students in the News

A sampling of interesting achievements by UMM students

Patti Sjostrom, Lafayette, is the recipient of the 1996 Willis Kelly Award and the women's Honor Athlete Award winner. Sjostrom is a secondary education and social science major. She has played softball for four years, basketball for three years, and volleyball for one year. She was named to the All-Midwest Region Softball Team and the NAIA Academic All-American Softball Team in 1995. Sjostrom has also been a resident adviser for two years, maintains a 3.57 GPA and is a mentor in the UMM Honors Program.

Bill Roberts, Hudson, Wis., is the 1996 Arnold Henjum Award winner. He is also the men's Honor Athlete Award winner. Bill has a 3.25 GPA in chemistry and will attend graduate school in the fall. He is a member of the American Chemical Society and the president of the UMM chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has been a three-time captain of the wrestling team and a three-time national championship qualifier. Bill has twice been named NSIC Academic All-Conference and in 1996 he was named NCAA Academic All-American. Bill also participated in Cougar football.

Junior **Lue Her**, St. Paul, spoke at the Hmong Youth Conference on the "Changing Roles of Hmong Women and Men" at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Carrie Janikowski, New Hope, advanced to the Regional Metropolitan Opera auditions after winning district competition. Competing among winners of district auditions from Iowa, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and part of Canada,

Janikowski received the Encouragement Award.

Keith Vertanen, Pine Springs, and **Julie Brand**, Cannon Falls, were awarded the Katherine E. Sullivan scholarships, enabling them to study abroad, all expenses paid, for one year. This award is the University of Minnesota's most prestigious study abroad award.

Fifteen students presented their research at the Sixth Annual Psychology Student Research Colloquium held May 15 at UMM. Oral presentations were given by **Tanya Pedersen**, Andover; **Amy Engstrom**, Little Canada; **Laurie Retzlaff**, Coon Rapids; **Kristine Karl**, Blue Earth; **Karie Gibson**, Sturgeon Lake; and **Kelli Donald**, Duluth, and **Joline Ness**, Brooklyn Center (combined presentation). Poster presentations were made by **Roshana Daniel** and **Sheila Williams**, Las Vegas, Nev. (combined), **Stacy Hanson**, Sisseton, S.D., and **Laura Herberg**, Graceville (combined); **Kristi Fick**, Luverne; **Troy Seppelt**, Alexandria; **Michael Goblirsch**, Wabasso; and **Kristen Leveille**, Red Wing.

Colin Sweeney, Luverne, recently won the Winchell Award for outstanding oral presentation of his research at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Academy of Science. This award includes an invitation to submit his research paper to the *Journal of the Minnesota Academy of Science*. His research was supported through an Undergraduate Research Opportunities Grant (UROP) and also through the USDA Agricultural Research Services (ARS) in Morris.

UMM, Concordia to Share Ford Foundation Grant

UMM and Concordia College, Moorhead, have received a \$316,000 grant from The Ford Foundation to develop global and international curriculum at both institutions. The two schools will work in collaboration over three years, sharing the funding equally and working on several joint projects.

Tap R. Payne, associate professor of theatre arts and project director at UMM, is working in cooperation with Concordia project director Ronald Twedt.

Faculty members at the two institutions will hold workshops designed to create a heightened awareness of global issues, to focus on overcoming the obstacles of international learning and to help faculty plan new courses based on international and global issues. The intention is to encourage faculty members to travel to the other campus' workshops and create an atmosphere of inter-campus faculty cooperation.

In addition, there will be seven new courses offered at each school, one of which will be team-taught by a group of faculty and students who will plan and teach the course together. The team will spend at least two weeks abroad, at a location of their choice, collecting information and preparing materials for the course.

Students will participate in courses at either school directly or via interactive television, the Internet or electronic mail.

The Ford Foundation, established in 1936, is a private, nonprofit institution that serves as a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. A national and international philanthropy, the Foundation has granted more than \$8 billion to some 9,000 institutions and 100,000 individuals worldwide.

Associate Professor of German **Edith Borchardt** presented a paper at the 17th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Topic of the paper is "Faith, Fantasy, and Dream Space: Transcendence and Transformation in the Works of Kaethe Braun-Prager," an Austrian writer. Professor Borchardt has also been appointed as a faculty consultant by the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J., for the Advance Placement Reading in German in June 1996.

Vicky Demos, associate professor of sociology and president of the North Central Sociological Association, gave the opening address at its annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. The address was titled, "Sojourning in the Field: Reflections on a Sociologist Researcher's Experiences in Making Local-Global Connections Among Women in Kytherian Greek Communities." Later in the conference, Demos chaired a workshop on multiculturalism.

Judy Kuechle, associate professor of education, has received a \$30,000 grant to help area schools set up an environmental education program with Upper Sioux Agency State Park. The grant will allow Kuechle to collaborate with 24 teachers from 12 area schools to help them develop an environmental program that incorporates Upper Sioux Agency State Park resources into their curriculums.

Professor of Studio Art **Alan Fierro** gave a solo exhibition, "Constructions -- Works on Paper," in the Gallery of the Humanities Fine Arts Center in April. Featuring current works by the artist, the exhibit presented a unique opportunity to view the immediate developments of one of UMM's faculty members.

Women's Cross Country Added to Athletic Program

UMM will add women's cross country to its athletic program. The sport will be a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) sponsored activity in NCAA Division II competition. Doug Reese, UMM wrestling head coach has been named head coach of women's cross country.

"I am looking forward to this fall," said Reese. "There have been a number of quality runners who have expressed their interests. We are looking forward to the start of a successful program here at UMM."

According to Mark Fohl, UMM director of athletics, "The addition of women's cross country is part of a plan to provide additional opportunities for women within the athletic department at UMM."

A full schedule for fall competition is expected to culminate with the NSIC Championships.



ENTRANCE TO A PERILOUS PATH Hundreds of area residents entered this arch to view the UNICEF exhibit "Girls and Girlhood -- A Perilous Path" held in March in Oyate Hall. Many people worked together with UMM to bring the exhibit and corollary events to west central Minnesota. We are grateful for the support provided by the Bremer Foundation, Campus Activities Council - CAVE, Lake Country Cooperative Service, Lake Region Arts Council, Medtronic Foundation, Midwest Special Education Cooperative, Minnesota Extension Service, Morris Area Community Education, Land 'O Lakes Girl Scout Council, Morris Area School District, Morris Area Women, Stevens County Ministerium, UMM Commission on Women, and the Upper Midwest Women's History Center. (photo by Judy Riley, University Relations)

1995-96 Wrestling Honors

NSIC Wrestler of the Week

Kip Lynk
Bill Roberts

All-NSIC Wrestling Team

Tim Cruz - 2nd at 126 lbs.
Patrick Bergin - 2nd at 134 lbs.
Bill Roberts - 3rd at 177 lbs.
Simon Shannon - 1st at 118 lbs.

NSIC All-Conference Academic Wrestling Team

Simon Shannon
Jorge Fischer
Bill Roberts

NCAA II Midwest Regional Championships

Bill Roberts - 3rd at 177 lbs.
Tim Cruz - 4th at 126 lbs.
Simon Shannon - 4th at 118 lbs.
Kip Lynk - 5th at 158 lbs.
Patrick Bergin - 5th at 134 lbs.

NCAA II Academic All-American

Kip Lynk
Jorge Fischer
Bill Roberts
Simon Shannon

NCAA II Academic National Championship

4th Place, team gpa 3.109

US Women's Freestyle Wrestling National Championships

Team Runners-up (2nd place)

US Women's Freestyle Wrestling All-Americans

Wendy Murphy - 6th at 154 lbs.
Billie Grothe - 5th at 165 lbs.
Lisa Berube - 4th at 103.5 lbs.



GOLF TEAM WITH NEW GOLF BAGS Set for departure for the first spring tournament of the year, the Cougar men and women's golf team poses proudly with their new golf bags. The following men and women golf team alumni have contributed so far to the purchase of the new bags: Bill Burns ('93), Brad Force ('74), Dan Gahlon ('72), Dick Gunderson ('75), Paul Kiger ('73), Tim Lloyd ('93), Tracy Lutz ('94), Gary McGrath ('68), Alyssa Ostmo ('95), Bob Peterson ('66), Darren Reisig ('95), Mike Suman ('93), Brian Thomsen ('91), Amy Wagner ('89), and Mike Yetzer ('93). Pictured, front row, l-r: Mark Moshier, Nichole Olson, Andrea VanEngelenhoven, Amber Neff, Paula Mack, Nicole Neu; back row, l-r John Hennessey, Mitch Olson, Shane Eastman, Marcus VanRiper. Contributions can be sent to Gary McGrath, golf coach. (photo by David Morrison '97, Deer River)



Winter Sports Wrap

Men's Basketball

The Cougar men's basketball team finished the season on a strong note by winning their last nine out of 12 games and beating the conference champs, 100-92, in the Cougar's last home game. Four players finished the season in double figures. Todd Hanson and David Berntson, both from Duluth, were named to the NSIC second team All-Conference. Justin Black, Duluth, and Aaron Hatanpa, Dayton, were Honorable Mention All-Conference. The 1995-96 season was one full of ups and downs for men's basketball. "The most important thing is we ended the season strong in hopes that this solid play will carry over to next season," said Broderick Powell, head assistant basketball coach. The Cougars will return all but one player from the 1995-96 season while adding some of the top freshmen in the Minnesota area.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team ended an up and down season with a final record of 8-17. Four of the 17 losses were by a margin of two points. Sandi DeJager, junior from Hancock, earned NSIC All-Conference honors while leading the team with an average of 13.6 points per game. Anna Townsend, freshman from Esko, ended the season with 200 rebounds and an average 8.7 rebounds per game. Laurie Plahn, Jasper, led the Cougars with a shooting percentage of 46 percent in 23 games and 41 percent from behind the three-point line. The 1995-96 Cougars were a very young team that had the challenge of learning to play together during the season. Such a challenge promises a more experienced team next winter. Seniors for the 1996-97 season will be Kim Loughry, Coon Rapids; Rhonda Heuer, Norwood; and Sandi DeJager, Hancock.

"I'm very much looking forward to next season," said Women's Basketball Head Coach Lisa Nordeen. "We will have five starters returning as well as several key players off the bench. Toward the end of last season we really started playing well together; if that's any indication of the team's potential we should be able to mature as a team and improve last year's record."

Wrestling

The women's wrestling team placed second in the 7th Annual U.S. Women's Freestyle Wrestling Nationals in Las Vegas finishing behind the Sunkist Kids. Earning All-American honors were Lisa Berube, Escanaba, Mich.; Wendy Murphy, Hector; and Billie Grothe, Eden Valley. Freestyle woman wrestler Grothe placed 5th as part of the U.S. women's national freestyle wrestling team that competed in the Klippan, Sweden, Ladies Cup. Head Wrestling Coach Doug Reese coached the team, which placed 2nd in a field of 20 countries. Seven wrestlers were cited by the NSIC as earning all-conference academic status for the 1995-96 season. UMM was represented for the 2nd straight year by seniors Bill Roberts, Hudson, Wis., and Jorge Fischer, Shoreview. Junior All-American and NSIC individual champion Simon Shannon, Jacksonville, Fla., was named for the first time.

Spring Sports Update

Track and Field

Men's and women's track and field teams completed their 1996 competition with the NSIC Track and Field Championships. The men's team was led by UMM Athlete of the Meet, Germaine McFarlane, Hollywood, Hills, Fla., who took fourth in 100 meters with a time of 11.3. McFarlane also finished fifth in the 200 meter run with 23.46.

Women's track was led by UMM Women's Athlete of the Meet, Kristine Kvistberg, Sartell, who finished second in the 5000 meter run with a time of 18:46.60, earning her NISC All-Conference Honors. Kvistberg also finished second in the 10000 meter run with a time of 39:18. The team missed fourth

place by only two points.

Baseball

The baseball team finished their season with a 21-20 overall record and second place in both the regular season conference race and conference tournament. The Cougar's 21 wins tied the school record set the previous season and guaranteed them of a winning season for the first time since 1989. Six players were selected to the 1996 All-Conference Team: Luke McLain, Buffalo; Aaron Erickson, Woodbury; Scott Malecha, New Prague; Jeremy Kuechle, Watkins; Matt Witte, Brooklyn Park; and Chris Stenzel, Heron Lake.

Softball

The softball Cougars ended their season with a final record of 5-22. After losing the final two regular season games to Southwest State (2-4; 1-5), the Cougars looked to uplift their '96 season with solid play in the Conference Championship Tournament held in Duluth. The seventh-seeded Cougars open the tournament with a 1-4 loss to second-seeded Moorhead State. The Cougars also lost 6-9 to sixth-seeded Northern State. The softball season ended with a .235 team batting average. Patti Sjostrom, senior, Lafayette, led the way with an individual average of .317. Kathy Ellsworth, Wells junior, led the team with 11 RBIs. The 5-24 Cougars look to be a more experienced team in 1997 as eight starters will return.

Golf

Bad weather conditions limited the spring season for the men and women's golf team. Nichole Olson, junior from Fairfax, and Amber Neff, sophomore from Bemidji, led the women's team in scoring this spring and were named co-MVPs for the fall and spring seasons. Freshmen Paula Mack (Deer River), Tracy Anderson (Monticello), and Nicole Neu (Richmond) gained valuable playing experience and will be counted on this fall. The men were led by junior Shane Eastman (Garrison) who averaged 79 this spring. Sophomores Mitch Olson (Fergus Falls),

Mark Moshier (Little Falls) and juniors Marcus VanRiper (Onalaska, Wis.), and John Hennessey (Blaine) rounded out the top five players.

Spring Football

The Cougar football team looks to kick off the 1996 season with the following senior returners: two-time NSIC All-Conference defensive back Pete Iten, Cambridge; offensive lineman Ben Erholtz, Little Fork; defensive lineman Rueben Davis, San Jose, Calif.; tight end DeWayne Johnson, San Jose, Calif.; defensive back Cam Vollbrecht Princeton; defensive back John Atkinson Chicago; and linebacker Andy Johnson, Ramsey. Along with 1995 contributors such as leading rusher, Germaine McFarlane, Hollywood Hills, Fla., junior tailback (651 yards rushing, 6 TD's); Jeremy Werner, Princeton, junior linebacker, (112 tackles); Von Myart, Chicago, sophomore tailback (288 yards rushing, 3 touchdowns); and leading receiver Dom Orella, junior receiver, Hudson, Wis. (270 yards receiving, one touchdown) will be looked upon to have another productive season. Final spring practice was held May 4 with a scrimmage. "We had a successful and very productive spring practice," said Head Coach John Parker. "The players got the chance to find out what I am like on the field, I found out what types of football players are in the program and what immediate needs we should focus on."

UMM Cougar Football Program Celebrates its 35th year

Next fall marks the 35th anniversary of Cougar football. Head Football Coach John Parker is reproducing videos of the first season's game and other early Cougar ball club highlights. Videos will be available for purchase next fall. Also, plans are underway for a fall season packed with special celebrations, so watch your mail for details regarding upcoming festivities. To be part of planning for the 35th anniversary fall football celebration, contact Coach Parker at UMM (320) 589-6432.

Alumni Events Calendar

SPRING AND SUMMER 1996

- June 13 MSP Alumni Reception, U of M, Twin Cities Campus, Coffman Union, Dale Shephard Room, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- August 17 sUMMerFEST 2! Alumni Annual Picnic Tim '78) and Deb Peterson, hosts, rural Litchfield, Minn., 1 pm to 7 pm (see page 13)
- September 14 UMMAA Leadership Picnic, Pomme de Terre, (UMM Student Center, Alumni Room rainsite)
- September 21 International & Minority Student Orientation
UMM MSP Alumni-Students Roundtable, UMM MRC, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
- September 22 New Student Orientation (thru 9/24)
- September 25 Fall quarter '96 classes begin

FALL 1996

- October 25-27 UMM Homecoming Weekend
Alumni Career Fair
Alumni Association Board Meeting
Phi Mu Delta Fraternity Reunion
- November 11-12 Fall Alumni Phonathon, Capital Title Corporation, Arden Hills, 5:30 to 9:30 pm
- December 7 UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, UMM Student Center, Alumni Room, 10 am to 3 pm

WINTER AND SPRING 1997

- February 15 UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, UMM Student Center, Alumni Room, 10 am to 3 pm
- February 20 Third Annual UMM Mid-Winter Night's Dream Gathering, Summit Manor Reception House, 275 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- March 10-11 Spring Alumni Phonathon, Capital Title Corporation, Arden Hills, 5:30 to 9:30 pm
- April 11-12 UMM Jazz Fest, UMM Student Center, Edson Auditorium, 7:30 pm
- April 26 UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, UMM Student Center, Alumni Room, 10 am to 3 pm

For information on these and other events, call the Office of Alumni Relations, (320) 589-6066



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The Alumni Career Fair is an opportunity for UMM alumni to share their past and present experiences and accomplishments with current students. As UMM alumni, you can offer students unique perspectives on education and career developments. We invite you to participate!

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